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BENGALURU
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Parliament hails temple consecration in resolution

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Both Houses of Parliament on Saturday, the last working day of the 17th Lok Sabha, passed a resolution terming the construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya as ushering in a "new era of governance and public welfare".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his valedictory address later, stated that the resolution by both Houses would give "constitutional power to the generations to come to be proud of our values".

In the Lok Sabha, the short duration discussion under Rule 193 was moved by BJP MP Satyapal Singh which went on for four hours, with Speaker Om Birla moving a resolution on behalf of the House on the Ram Temple, describing it as a reflection of "*Ek Bharat, Shresht Bharat*" (One India, ultimate India). In the Rajya Sabha, the motion was moved by BJP MPs Sushil Kumar Modi and Prakash Javadekar.

Home Minister Amit Shah said Mr. Modi took all sections of society along on the Ram Temple issue and noted the Supreme Court verdict on the matter was a "reflection of India's secular character". "In no other country has the majority community waited for so long for a matter related to its faith," he said.

"The Ram Mandir has been built following legal and constitutional mandate," Mr. Shah said, adding that the BJP kept its patience and the Ram Temple was built in Ayodhya in a "harmonious environment". No political slogans were raised at the consecration ceremony, he said, adding, "I say with folded hands that accept the message of unity and move forward". Addressing critics, he said they should "accept the overwhelming popular sentiment on the issue and not vitiate the atmosphere of joy and devotion". "People's struggle for constructing the Ram Temple in Ayodhya began in 1528 and the legal battle for it started in 1858," Mr. Shah said, adding that it all came to an end on January 22 which "rejuvenated India's faith and marked the beginning of the journey of a great India". "Critics used to mock the BJP over its promises alleging they were driven by electoral exigencies," he said, asserting that the Modi government banned triple talaq as well and fulfilled many other commitments.

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Temple pitch: Home Minister Amit Shah said the Supreme Court verdict on the issue was a 'reflection of India's secular character'. AP

Tenure propelled country towards big changes: PM

NEW DELHI
Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his valedictory remarks on Saturday, described the 17th Lok Sabha's five-year tenure as a "period of reform, perform, and transform" that propelled the country towards big changes at a fast pace. "The country will keep blessing the 17th Lok Sabha," the Prime Minister added. » PAGE 10

Pak. Army chief pitches for coalition government

Gen. Asim Munir seeks a 'unified govt. of all democratic forces'; he backs Nawaz Sharif's appeal to rival parties to join hands; Independents backed by former PM Imran Khan's party win 102 seats

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD/LAHORE

Pakistan's Army chief Gen. Asim Munir on Saturday urged the country's polarised political leadership to form a "unified government of all democratic forces", as he backed former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's plea to his rivals to help form a coalition government after the general elections appear to have produced a hung Parliament.

Springing a surprise, Independents backed by jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party won the lion's share of 102 seats in the National Assembly in Thursday's election, as the result of 257 seats out of 265 was announced by the Election Commission of Pakistan. The PTI has already claimed victory in the elections.

Others' performance

The group was followed by Mr. Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) with 73 seats, the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) with 54, the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) with 17 and smaller parties taking 11. To form a government, a party must win 133 seats out of 265 in the National Assembly.

On Saturday, a statement attributed to Gen. Munir noted that the people of Pakistan reposed their combined trust in the Constitution of Pakistan and it was now "incumbent upon all political parties to reciprocate the same with political maturity and unity".

Meanwhile, Mr. Khan, in an AI-generated audio-video message on Saturday, claimed victory in the general elections.

He thanked the people for voting for the PTI and also asked them to ensure the sanctity of their votes was not hijacked by the establishment.

PTI Central Information Secretary Raoof Hasan said any attempt to derail the people's decision would have "deadly consequences".

IMRAN GETS BAIL IN 12 CASES
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Back in game: Jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan, in an audio-video message, claimed victory in the election. REUTERS

EPFO sets interest on PF deposits at 8.25%

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has recommended an interest rate of 8.25% on provident fund (PF) deposits for 2023-24. The current interest rate is 8.15%.

"The move is a step towards fulfilling PM Modi's guarantee of strengthening social security for India's workforce," said Union Labour Minister Bhupender Yadav after a meeting of the CBT here on Saturday. The meeting has also authorised Mr. Yadav to constitute the new executive committee of the CBT.

The CBT has recommended to the Union Finance Ministry that the new interest of 8.25% could be applied to the accumulations in subscribers' accounts for 2023-24. Once the Finance Ministry accepts the approval, the new rate will be officially notified in the government gazette.

"Subsequently, the EPFO will credit the approved rate of interest to its subscribers' accounts," the Union Labour Ministry said in a press release.

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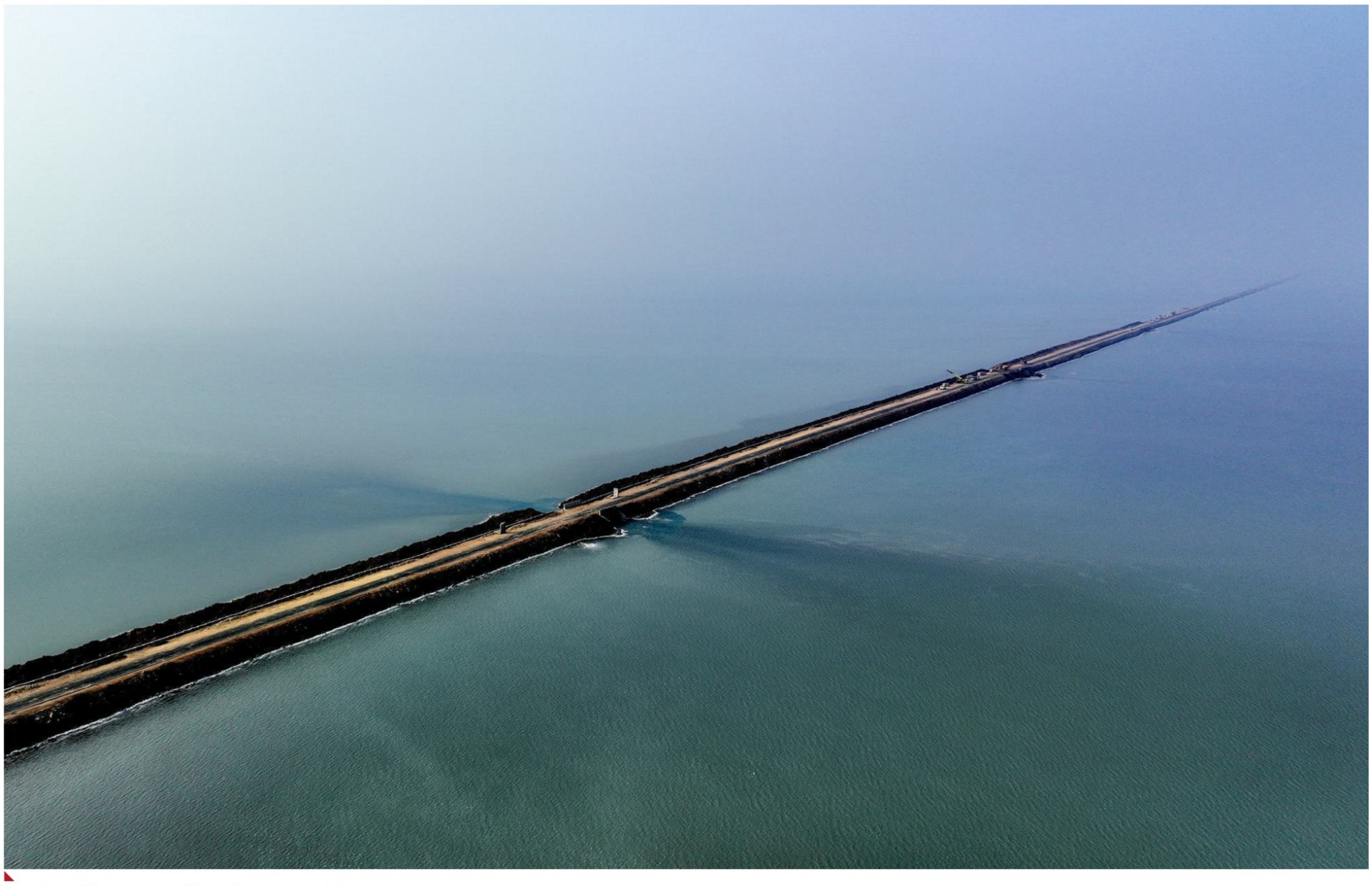
Gates of paradise: Entrance to the Road to Heaven from Khavda side in Kutch District.

Blissfull journey: View from a tourist bus travelling through the Road to Heaven.



Road of tranquillity: An aerial view of The Road to Heaven in Kutch district of Gujarat.

Where a road is the destination

The 31.9 km-long Khavda-Khadir road to reach the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Dholavira, a Harappan city situated on the island of Khadir, opened for tourists in 2023

Till not so long ago in Gujarat, the distance from Bhuj to Dholavira was around 240 km via Rapar and Bhachau.

But in the run-up to the G-20 Summit, the Government of India cleared 31.9 km-long Khavda-Khadir road, through the Rann of Kutch, on a priority basis (though road widening works are ongoing).

The road was originally sanctioned in 2019, but was delayed, and finally opened for tourists in 2023. Dholavira, a UNESCO World Heritage Site was once a Harappan city situated on the island of Khadir, where the remains of the famous Indus Valley Civilisation can be found.

Now, it takes just 130 km to reach Bhuj, the capital of Kutch, says Jilubha Sodha, sarpanch of Dholavira.

The Rann of Kutch is famous for its white salty desert sand and is reputed to be the largest salt desert in the world.

Motorbike tourists who shared images of the road, while it was under construction, say it was a "heavenly experience" to be riding there. And so the name 'Road to Heaven' stuck, as can be seen on Google Maps.

Many tourists, particularly bikers, and YouTubers travel just for the road trip. This magnificent stretch of road passing through the Great Rann of Kutch, where both sides are the endless white Rann, is a favourite destination for them to explore.

There are many other locations for nature lovers in Khadir, such as Fossil Park, Bokad Gado, Bhim Godo, Sonpari, Cheria Bet, Chhipar, Sunset point at Bhanjado Hill, and Dholavira.

With all these sites, the Road to Heaven has put Khadir on the world map, says local social worker Mahadev Barad.

Tourists interested in bird watching, wildlife, history/archaeological, art and handicraft, tribal studies are already flocking to this area. Many of them also visit Smriti van Earthquake Memorial of Bhuj.

The Road to Heaven seems to be the *pièce de résistance.*

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Rich history: A guide explains about Dholavira archaeological site to visitors.

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Garlic prices skyrocket to ₹500 a kg in Bengaluru

According to some traders, since there was a delay in the sowing of crops and as garlic has not reached the harvesting phase yet, this has resulted in a supply crunch in the market

Rohith D.S.
BENGALURU

A delay in the sowing-harvesting cycle has led to the price of garlic skyrocketing in markets in Bengaluru. At the Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing Committee (APMC) yard in Yeshwanthpur, garlic was selling at ₹350 per kg on Friday, while in retail markets, the price had touched ₹500 per kg.

Prior to the hike, the selling price per kg of garlic was around ₹100-₹250 in wholesale markets and ₹200-₹350 in retail markets. According to some traders, as there was a delay in the sowing of crops, garlic has not come to harvest yet, which has resulted in a supply crunch in the market.

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Supply shortage

Jignesh Patel, a wholesaler at the APMC, said that the garlic supply to the market majorly comes from Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan. "Currently, there is no production in Gujarat and Rajasthan, and we are getting garlic only from Madhya Pradesh. This has led to the price surge, and this is one of the highest ever prices for garlic in history," he said.

The retail vendors, on the other hand, have noticed a drop in garlic buyers. Rajanna, a vegetable vendor in Vijayanagar, said, "I started purchasing lesser quantities of garlic from the wholesale market as the demand has reduced due to the hiked price. These hiked prices bring no profit to vegetable vendors," he complained.

The rates are expected to gradually come down as the supply is expected to increase in the upcoming weeks. "We saw a sudden increase of ₹60-₹70 per kg in the last few days. Within a few weeks, it might go back to normal prices when new crops hit the market by the first week of March," said Bhavani Sona, another wholesale trader at APMC.

Consumers upset

The rising prices of one commodity after the other have left consumers frustrated.

"These price hikes have become a regular thing now. First, it was tomato, then it was onion, and now it is garlic's turn. We always reduce the consumption of the vegetable that starts costing more, but the government should do something to address these fluctuations," said Divya Rao, a customer in Mudalapalya market.

With garlic being one of the essentials in the kitchen, hotels also have been affected by the price rise. "For now, they are managing by using processed garlic paste, which is available in the market, but we are hoping that the price will reduce soon," said P.C. Rao, president, Bruhat Bengaluru Hoteliers Association.

Supply shortage, piggery closure inflate pork prices

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

Pork prices have been steadily increasing in various parts of Karnataka over the past few months, primarily due to a shortage of supply in the market.

Pork prices have surged to ₹500 per kg in Karnataka, particularly in Bengaluru, Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi, where consumption is higher.

Industry insiders said that an ongoing supply shortage amid heightened demand during the current wedding season is a major contributing factor. They anticipate further increase in prices in the coming months if supply continues to be insufficient. The scarcity of pork meat in Bengaluru is linked to the closure of piggeries within the city by authorities.

Manoj Kumar, a piggery owner from north Bengaluru, explained, "Several pig farms operating within the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) limits have been shut down due to concerns raised by local residents. Over the past year, authorities have directed many piggeries to relocate outside the city. However, those who don't have land to establish pig farms have discontinued their businesses, resulting in a shortage of meat in the market."

The rise is expected to have repercussions on the catering and food industries. FILE PHOTO

Yosephu, a pork meat trader with a shop in Koramangala, said, "We no longer get meat from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Traders there attribute this to local municipal authorities implementing a ban on pig breeding under the Swachh Bharat Mission, aimed at maintaining cleanliness in the city. In some areas there, pigs roam freely in towns. As a result, authorities there have taken action against owners of pigs, which led to a halt in the supply of pork meat to the market here."

In Mangaluru, traders have attributed the scarcity of meat in the market to a shortage of Duroc, a popularly consumed pig breed.

Joel Pinto, a piggery owner in Mangaluru, said, "The primary cause is that certain piggery owners, concerned about diseases, opted to sell their stock to wholesalers. They sold their entire pig stock to wholesalers, who subsequently sold it to the north-eastern States. Apart from this, the rise in fuel costs, and expenses in piggery farming contribute to the increase in prices."

In Kodagu, where pork is considered a delicacy, the price of pork has doubled in the last three months. Traders from Kodagu attribute the price increase to a shortage of pork meat supply. Muthappa B.N., a pork shop owner in Virajpet, said, "Previously, many people in Kodagu used to breed pigs at home, with two to four pigs in each households. However, this practice has now been discontinued, leading to a reduction in meat supply to the market."

The rise is expected to have repercussions on the catering and food industries, potentially resulting in higher rates for food orders that could directly affect weddings and other events in Kodagu. Pandi Curry, a renowned delicacy in Kodagu, is often served at various occasions, including weddings, engagement ceremonies, gatherings at ainmanes (ancestral homes), naming ceremonies, and other festivities.

Electrocution of girl: Apartment assn. president arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Varthur police on Saturday arrested the president of Prestige Lakeside Habitat and six others, charging them for the death of nine-year-old Manya Damerla, who died in the swimming pool due to electrocution in December last year.

Manya was playing near the pool around 7.30 p.m. on December 29, 2023, when she fell into the water. She was taken to a private hospital, where doctors declared her dead. Based on the complaint filed by her father, Rajesh Kumar Damerla, alleging that despite sensing electric shock and complaining the to maintenance staff and electrician, no safety measures were taken, which led to the death of his daughter.

The main accused has been identified as Debashish Sinha, 37, president of the Home Owners' Association of Prestige Lakeside Habitat, while the others arrested are Safiq Rao, 44, vice-president of Prestige Property Management, electricians, senior technicians, and the swimming pool management team members Santosh Maharana, Gobinda Mandal, Bikas Kumar Paridha, Bhaktha Charan Pradhan, and Suresh Babu. They have been booked under section 149 (member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence) and 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) of the IPC.

The apartment management and electricians knew live electric current passed through the pool but failed to ensure safety measures. When the girl got into the pool, she got electrocuted and died immediately, police officials said.

Book launch

Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy and Sudha Murty with son Rohan Narayana Murty, daughter Akshata Murty, and granddaughters Krishna Sunak and Anoushka Sunak, during the launch of the book 'An Uncommon Love - The Early Life of Sudha and Narayana Murthy', written by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, in Bengaluru on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Pre-wedding shoot in OT costs doctor dear

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Health Department on Friday dismissed a doctor from service for holding a pre-wedding shoot with his fiancee in the operation theatre of a government hospital.

The incident took place on February 7 at the Bharamasagara Community Health Centre in Chitradurga district, and the doctor has been identified as Abhishek D.R., an intensivist appointed on contract under the National Health Mission (NHM).

In a video that was in circulation, the doctor is conducting a mock surgery on a dummy patient while the fiancee pretends to help him with surgical tools.

While the district officials maintained that the shoot was done in an unused operation theatre, Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao ordered the doctor's dismissal.

The shoot was done in the operation theatre without permission from hospital authorities.

"Government hospitals are for providing healthcare to the public and not for personal work. I cannot tolerate such indiscipline from doctors," he said, announcing the dismissal.

HC expresses anguish over OC issued to incomplete project

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Noticing that a real estate developer in Bengaluru had secured an Occupancy Certificate (OC) for its incomplete apartment project by fraudulent means and had made retired senior citizens go from pillar to post, the High Court of Karnataka has directed the State government to issue a circular containing guidelines for properly accessing the constructions as per norms before issuing OCs.

"It is rather shocking as to how the gram panchayat could affix the signature on the receipt of a bogus completion certificate, which is completely blank and did not contain any important data of the project, including the name of the developer and signature of certifying person," the court pointed out.

Hand in glove

"Such fraud cannot be played only by the hands of the developer or by the hands of the competent officers; it can be played only when the hands of the competent officers are in the glove of the developers," the court observed.

The circular, to be issued within eight weeks, should make it clear that if it is found that OCs are issued contrary to law, the officers concerned would be liable to face departmental enquiry or criminal proceedings depending upon the nature of dereliction of duties, the court said.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while dismissing a petition filed by M/s Ozone Urbana Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd, Bengaluru. The petitioner-developer had questioned the July 5, 2023, order of the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority K-RERA), which had declared that the petitioner's "Serene Urbana" project comes under the purview of the RERA Act.

The RERA had passed the order on a complaint filed in 2021 by the Serene Urbana Apartment Owners' Welfare Association, complaining that the developer had failed to complete the project, which was advertised and promoted as "retirement homes" comprising around 350 flats.

Developer's claim

The developer, however, had claimed before RERA that the project does not come under the RERA Act as the OC was issued prior to the RERA Act and Rules were enforced in Karnataka with effect from July 10, 2017. The court, from the RERA's report of the inspection of the project conducted in June 2022, found that fire clearance and electricity supply, which were among the key facilities to be in place prior to issuing OC, were given in May 2019 and August 2018. The inspection also found that several amenities, including a sewage treatment plant, were not complete even on the date of inspection in 2022, and some amenities, as promised, are not completed even as on today, the court noted.

However, Kannamangala GP, acting on a 'blank' completion certificate on May 16, 2017, resolved to issue OC and communicated the OC (dated May 16, 2017) to the developer on August 16, 2017, based on which the developer had claimed that project was not an 'ongoing' project to come under RERA law as it was 'completed' when the law was enforced, the court said. "It becomes surprising as to how the gram panchayat granted occupancy certificate without even looking into the apartment complex," the Court said while directing the developer to register the project with RERA.

Kannada signboards lost in translation, rue Bengaluru residents

Since reinforcement of the Kannada name boards rule, many say they have been seeing words in the language they have never encountered before

Jahnavi T. R.
BENGALURU

A shop in Koramangala, Bengaluru, puts its Kannada name out on its signboard as *Angadi hesaru*, which literally translates to 'shop's name'. A fast-food joint in BTM Layout has a Kannada board that translates to 'Friends' food is in a corner'. In another place in Marathahalli, the word "smokers" is written as "smrokers" in Kannada. Such errors on signboards have been spotted at many places in the city, resulting in a meme fest online.

"I was walking past a hair salon in Indira Nagar which claimed to be a "global leader in hair restoration". The Kannada version of restoration was *punasathapanayalle*, which is not a word at all," recalls Swapnil M.J., a digital marketer from R.T. Nagar.

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On January 4, the BBMP reinforced its rules about signboards of commercial establishments being 60% in Kannada. The civic body set a February 28 deadline for establishments to adhere to the rules. Soon after, members of a Kannada outfit, the Karnataka Rakshana Vedike, vandalised several commercial establishments in parts of North Bengaluru for not having visible Kannada signboards.

While some citizens are happy that the 60% Kannada rule is being enforced, many say the BBMP should also make sure the names are written correctly.

In a city as cosmopolitan as Bengaluru, not all business owners know the local language. Shop owners say they use online translation tools or entrust the responsibility of writing in Kannada to painters or board makers. "If neither the shopkeeper nor the board maker knows Kannada, then such errors are inescapable. BBMP can set up an online platform where shop owners can verify the Kannada names beforehand," suggested Mahendra R., a retired government employee from Puttenahalli.

Kannada activists, who led the signboard campaign, have now started helping commercial establishments with the correction of errors. They also say that chains and big brands are generally accurate with Kannada names, but some individual businesses are struggling to get it right.

"We appreciate people for putting in the effort to use the language. Now that they are putting it on their boards, if there are errors, the activists will help them to get it right. In the meantime, awareness should be raised through media and other means to let people know that translation sites are not accurate," says Arun Javagal, a Kannada activist.

A BBMP official says there is little they can do about spellings and grammar on Kannada boards as an enforcing agency.

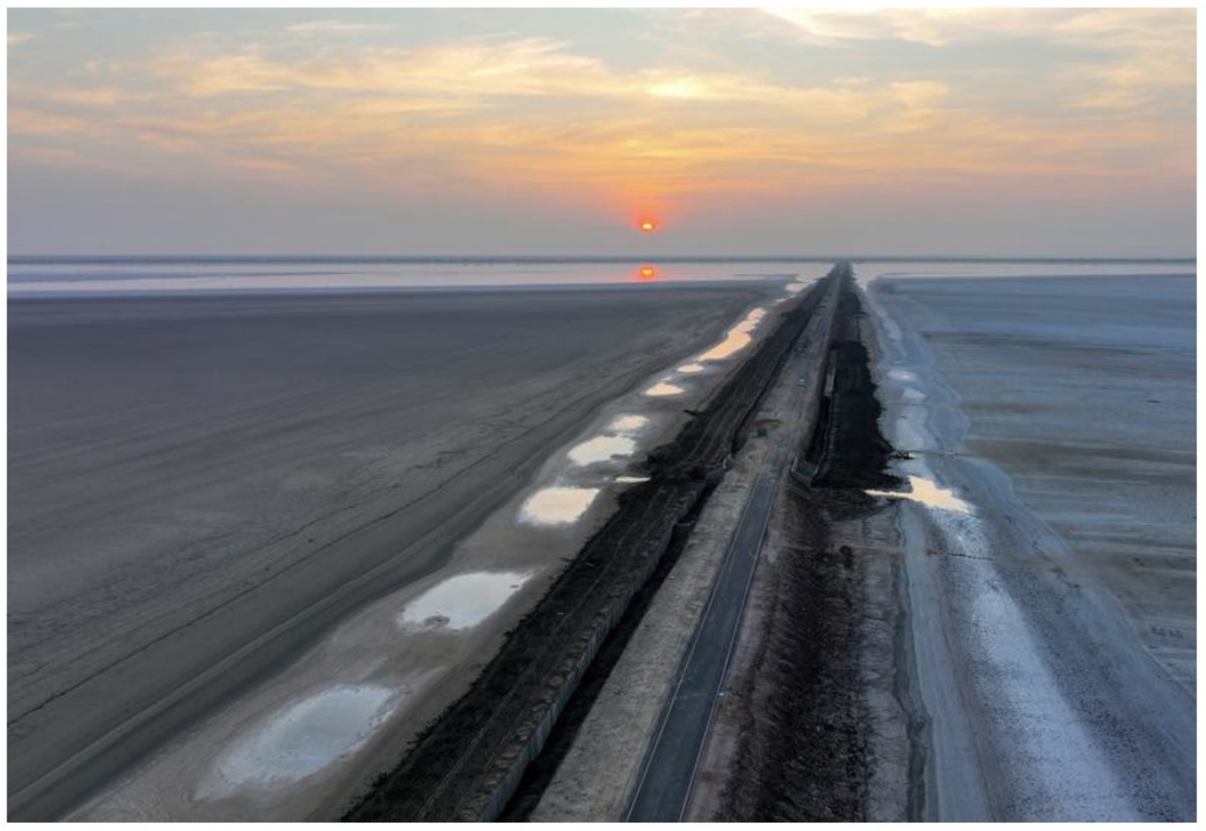
To give the 60% Kannada rule legal teeth, a clause is expected to be added to the Kannada Language Comprehensive Development Act, 2022, in the Budget session.

Birds of heaven: A group of Lesser Flamingos seen from the Road to Heaven.

Work continues: Road expansion works ongoing at the Road to Heaven.

Seach of frames: A pre-wedding shoot at the Road to Heaven.

Gracious hosts: Workers make traditional Bhunga huts for travellers to stay near the Road to Heaven.



To infinity: A sunset seen from The Road to Heaven.

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Traffic allowed inside Cubbon Park on second and fourth Saturdays

For a few years now, vehicles have been banned on Sundays, second and fourth Saturdays, and other general holidays

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In yet another controversy surrounding one of Bengaluru's largest lung spaces - Cubbon Park – a government order which was passed on Thursday by the Horticulture Department has permitted the movement of vehicles inside Cubbon Park on second and fourth Saturdays for three months. Vehicular movement was prohibited until now on these days.

The government has permitted the movement of vehicles inside Cubbon Park for three months.
BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

On Saturday morning, many regular visitors were surprised to find vehicles inside the park.

"To avoid inconvenience to the public and for smooth flow of traffic, vehicular movement will be allowed inside Cubbon Park premises from High Court to Siddalingaiah Circle and from Siddalingaiah Circle to High Court on second and fourth Saturdays on a trial basis for three months," the order says.

In a meeting held on January 24 by the Chief Secretary, M.N. Anucheth, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), had said that allowing traffic inside Cubbon Park will help solve the traffic issues on the roads outside, the order says. Mr. Anucheth said there was ample space available inside Cubbon Park for traffic movement.

For a few years now, vehicular movement has been banned inside Cubbon Park on Sundays, second and fourth Saturdays, and other general holidays. In October 2023, over a hundred regular visitors of Cubbon Park and activists protested, saying that the government should not allow traffic inside Cubbon Park on holidays and weekends after the Cubbon Park Walkers Association had alleged that the government was planning to pass an order regarding the same.

The Cubbon Park Conservation Committee, which was recently formed, is up in arms about the new order.

"This is Brand Bengaluru for you, perfunctory - citizen green Mitras - but choke off green spaces like Cubbon Park.

"Horticulture Department higher-ups seem to have no say in the park that they are managing or the ecosystem of Cubbon Park. How does having traffic go through help the 3,000 - 5,000 visitors who come to Cubbon Park on second and fourth Saturdays?" questioned Sunita Kumar, a member of the Committee.

BBMP plans to develop app to book slots at sports clubs

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

A file photo of a badminton court in Bengaluru.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is planning to develop a mobile application to curb revenue leakage from sports and badminton clubs operating in Bengaluru under the aegis of the civic body.

This is part of a systematic change the BBMP wants to make to increase revenue by plugging leakage.

The plan to build the app is in the nascent stage, according to a senior official working with the Revenue Department.

The BBMP has taken up a survey of all its properties to create a centralised database, and to fix revenue leakage from these properties. The civic body will also be developing an app to book slots for playing in sports clubs.

"Many clubs are operating under the aegis of the civic body, but there are many complaints against those who are maintaining these clubs, that they are not paying the BBMP its share of the revenue and instead pocketing the entire fee, leading to revenue loss," said a senior BBMP official.

To break the impasse, the BBMP has decided to develop a mobile application. The app will be designed to enable sports enthusiasts to book slots to use the courts in these clubs. Through the app, the users will make payments, and this money will be directly credited to the civic body.

The revenue will help in better maintenance of these facilities, which is currently not happening owing to mischief by the contractors who are managing these sports clubs.

Munish Moudgil, Special Commissioner (Revenue), BBMP, said the civic body had commenced a set of reforms to step up revenue collection, and plug leakages. The app is work-in-progress, and will take some time to be thrown open for use by the public.

Fraudsters exploit DCP's identity on social media

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) north division found three fraudulent Facebook accounts masquerading under his identity, including his name and photograph, since July last year.

Ironically, the officer, Saidulu Adavath, has supervised many such cybercrime cases in his division.

The fraudulent accounts, operating under the guise of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, have the potential to wreak havoc by disseminating misinformation, soliciting personal information, or even engaging in anti social activities, all under the shield of his authority.

The incident came to light when he came to know from friends that three such accounts were operating using his name and photograph, following which he filed a complaint with his own jurisdictional cybercrime station on Tuesday.

The police are yet to take precautionary measures to pull down the fake accounts and have written to Facebook seeking assistance to trace the source who created the accounts.

Notice issued to Amruthahalli police station over 'illegal detention'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Human Rights Commission on Friday raided Amruthahalli police station and rescued a 36-year-old man who had allegedly been detained illegally by the police for 10 days.

The police team had allegedly violated many rules while carrying out the detention and did not inform their higher-ups, which is mandatory for them as per the Standard Operating Procedure.

This may attract criminal and disciplinary proceedings against the erring officials apart from compensation to the victim. A probe revealed that a team of police went to Mumbai by flight to secure Yaseen Maqbool Khan from a hotel where he was working.

Yaseen was allegedly involved in a theft case three years ago and was arrested and jailed. After coming out on bail, Yaseen jumped bail and went to Mumbai to start working while his wife and children were living in Tumakuru.

The police, on February 1, went to Mumbai by flight and got him back. The police team neither informed the DCP nor the commissioner about the arrest. They had not even told the airlines while escorting the suspect back to Bengaluru, which is mandatory, sources in the department said. After getting him to Bengaluru, the police had to record the arrest in the station house diary and produce him before the magistrate, which had not been done.

The police had to inform the family about the arrest, which too they allegedly failed to do. The police allegedly kept the suspect illegally and tortured him along with another suspect, identified as Mahesh, from Hubballi, who was detained in a different case.

Advocate's intervention

The incident came to light when Abdul Majeed, a city-based advocate, went to the station for official work and found the duo in the cell. Suspecting something fishy, Mr. Majeed took down the phone number and informed Yaseen's wife about the arrest. Shocked, the wife called up the same police station to cross-check.

The police came to know that it was the advocate who was "creating trouble" and allegedly started harassing him, following which Mr. Majeed, accompanied by a family member, Mohammed K., filed a complaint with the State Human Rights Commission.

Based on the complaint, a team of officials led by Deputy Superintendent of Police Sudhir M. Hegde raided the station and rescued Yaseen and the other person before issuing a notice to the police seeking an explanation.

Though the police claimed that they had executed the pending warrant against Yaseen, the police had violated many rules and procedures, officials said.

The police are also seeking the CCTV footage at the station as the police have disputed the claim that Yaseen was detained for many days. Based on the statement by the police and proceedings carried out by Justice L. Narayanaswamy, chairman of the SHRC, further action will be initiated against the accused officials. The SHRC police wing is conducting surprise inspections and raids for any illegal detention of any person for more than 24 hours without FIR.

Literary carnival held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of English at Kristu Jayanti College, Autonomous, Bengaluru, organised a literary carnival on Thursday.

The programme was inaugurated by Fr. Dr. Augustine George, principal, Kristu Jayanti College. Dr. George, in his address highlighted the impact of the event in moulding the future literary enthusiasts.

The college, in a release, said the Lit-Con-Carnivalesque provided the audience with a platform to explore the intersections of literature, creativity, and imagination.

The day-long carnivalesque offered interactive experiences such as games inspired by literature.

Timings
BENGALURU

SUNDAY, FEB. 11
RISE 06:44 SET 18:24
RISE 07:52 SET 19:58

MONDAY, FEB. 12
RISE 06:43 SET 18:24
RISE 08:37 SET 20:56

TUESDAY, FEB. 13
RISE 06:43 SET 18:25
RISE 09:21 SET 21:53

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Bengaluru	33	18

Bengaluru Today
34°C A dry weather to prevail. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be warm. Night also will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
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Bike rally to save Kunigal Stud Farm

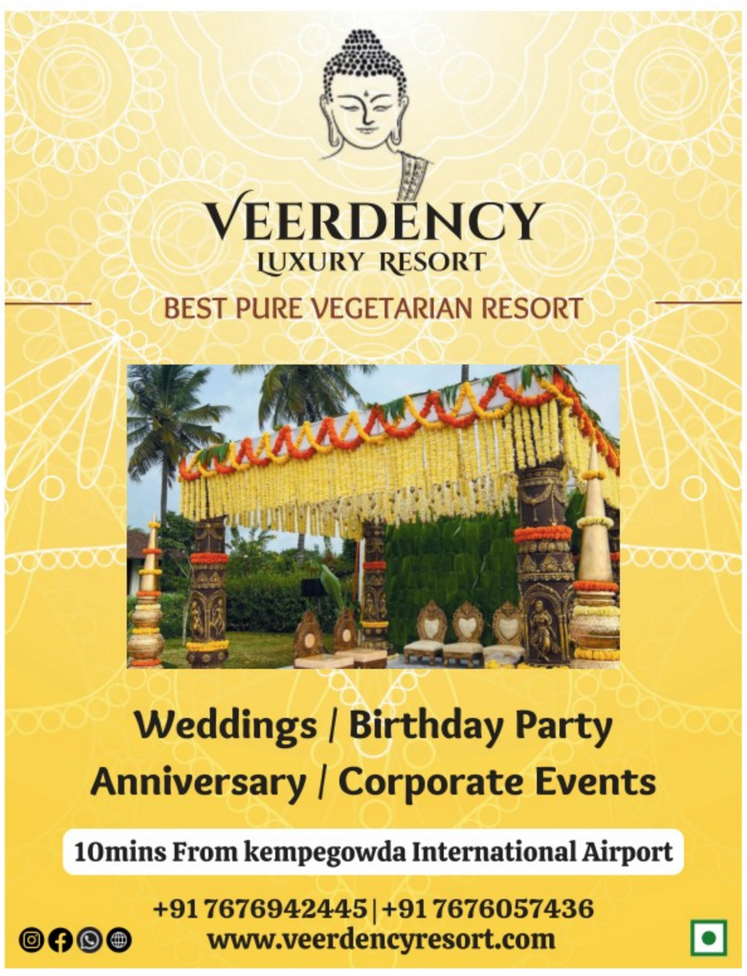
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Project Vruksha Foundation will organise a bike rally from Bengaluru to Kunigal in support of the Kunigal Stud Farm on February 18.

There are plans for an integrated township in the place of the nearly 250-year-old farm, among the top ones in the country today. A global tender to manage the 421.32-acre farm started during the reign of 18th-century Mysuru ruler Tipu Sultan, was cancelled after the tendering process was completed.

Vijay Nishanth, Biodiversity Management Committee member, BBMP , said on Saturday, "The government is bringing up different projects to destroy the ecosystem of the historic Kunigal Stud Farm, which is a home to 170 families, 185 horses and 6500 trees and many more species."

Jagadesh Nagarajaiah, taluk president of JD(S) Kunigal, kept five demands to the government:to drop the plan of building an Integrated Township, not allocating this land for commercial, industrial use among others.



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Admission tickets to SSLC students of 129 private schools withheld

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) has withheld the draft admission tickets of SSLC (Class 10) students studying in 129 private high schools in the State whose affiliation has not been renewed for the academic year 2023-24. Over 5,000 students are in trouble as their schools have not renewed their affiliation. However, the board has given 15 days time for it.

The Board has provided the facility to download the draft admission tickets of the students registered for the SSLC exam-1 of 2024 and to update the details of the students online if there are any corrections. Heads of schools have been asked to download the draft admission tickets of their children and verify and update the corrections in the personal details of the students if necessary.

The Deputy Directors of Public Instruction had sent the list of schools whose affiliation has already been renewed in the State to the Board. While the Board was verifying the list, it was found that 129 schools had not renewed their affiliation. Among them, the highest number of schools are in Bengaluru South and North educational districts, 65.

The Board said if any of these 129 schools renew their affiliation and send their information to the Board, the draft admission cards of such schools will be released for verification.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Gopalakrishna. H.N., Director of KSEAB, said, "The list of schools whose affiliation has not been renewed is published on the board's website and 15 days time has been given for renewal of affiliation. If these private schools do not renew their affiliation on time, there will be no problem in the examination of the students. Students from such schools will be tagged with nearby government or aided schools and allowed to take the SSLC exam. Further, the government will take appropriate action against the schools that do not renew their affiliation."

CSR initiative programme 'Prescription for Change' held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Prescription for Change, a campaign to create awareness amongst masses about the harmful effects of using expired medicines and the mechanism to segregate expired medicines for safe disposal in a scientific manner organised under the CSR initiative by Big FM 92.7 in collaboration with Meyer Organics Pvt Ltd., and supported by Karnataka Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Manufacturers' Association held on Wednesday.

Prosthetic limb camp in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Prayaas, the social initiative of the students of EPGP students of IIM Bangalore along with Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (Jaipur Foot), an organisation for disabled people, is organising a free prosthetic limb camp on February 18 at the IIMB campus, Bannerghatta Road.

The camp will consist of three types of prosthetic limb fitments The first 50 registerations from economically disadvantaged families will be eligible for free prosthetic limb transplantation. For details, visit http://bit.ly/IIMB-Prayaas.

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e-Procurement Notice No. 61 /OCCL/2023-24 (on-line)

Name of Work :- **Execution of Micro Irrigation system of Lower Indra Irrigation Project under the Scheme CAD & WM, (Electrical Component).**
Total No of Works :- **01 (One) No.**
Period of completion :- **06 (Six) Calendar months.**

Bid Identification No.	Amount put to Tender (Approx.) (Rs.in Lakhs)	Bid Security (through on-line transfer/ Bank Guarantee) (in Rs.)	Availability of Tender (On-line)	Submission of Tender (On-line)
OCCL-LICP/02/ 2023-24	1086.82 Lakhs	10.87 Lakhs	12.02.2024, 3.30 P.M. to 26.02.2024, 5.30 P.M.	12.02.2024, 3.30 P.M. to 26.02.2024, 5.30 P.M.

Procurement Officer - **Managing Director, OCC Ltd., Bhubaneswar**
Date of opening of the Technical Bid: **27.02.2024, 12.00 Noon.**
Further detail can be seen from the Govt. website (**www.tendersodisha.gov.in**)
Managing Director
CAD-4062 OIPR-34120/11/0073/2324

CHILIKA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

PLOT NO.493(P), PALASPALLI, POKHARIPUT ROAD, BHUBANESWAR - 751020
Phone : 91-674-2591544, Fax: 91-674-2590485, *Email :-chilika@chilika.com*

e-PROCUREMENT

Tender Call Notice No.275/CDA/2023-24 Date : 08.02.2024

01.	Name of the Work	:	Purchase of two nos. Ferry Craft
02.	Estimated Cost	:	Rs.2,63,88,800.00 (Excluding GST)
03.	Period of Completion	:	3 (Three Calendar) Month.
04.	Date & Time of availability of Bid Document in the portal	:	10.02.2024 to 23.02.2024 upto 4 P.M.
05.	Bid Clarification date	:	16.02.2024 at 3 P.M. in the O/o the Chief Executive, Chilika Development Authority, Plot No.493(P), Palaspalli, Bhubaneswar - 751020.
06.	Last Date/Time for submission of Bids in the portal	:	23.02.2024 upto 5 P.M.
07.	Date & Time of opening of Technical Bids	:	On 26.02.2024 at 11 A.M. in the O/o the Chief Executive, Chilika Development Authority, Plot No.493(P), Palaspalli, Bhubaneswar - 751020.
08.	Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Tender (O.I.T.)	:	Addl. Chief Executive, Chilika Development Authority, Plot No.493(P), Pallaspalli, Pokhariput Road, Bhubaneswar-751020

Further information and other details are available for downloading from the e-procurement portal **"https://tendersodisha.gov.in"**. Addendum / Corrigendum if required will be available only in the Website e-procurement portal **"https://tendersodisha.gov.in"**
Addl. Chief Executive, Chilika Development Authority
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **MR.EMMANUEL BHANU** S/o. Mr.M Bhasker R/at # 40/2, Kalkere Punyabhoomi Layout, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043 has purchased the scheduled property mentioned hereunder from **MRS.SUNEETHA. P @ SUNEETHA PAGADALA** W/o. Mr.Sreenivasulu Kotte for valuable sale consideration amount, in terms of registered Sale deed. The Possession of the Schedule Property has also been handed over to our client; any person trespassing with the peaceful possession of our client shall be prosecuted in the appropriate court of law either civil or criminal.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Southern Portion of the Residential Property bearing Vacant **Site No.5B,** BBMP Katha Sl. No.2824,old Katha No.11/9/5B, forming a portion of Property No.11/9 (Old No.11/2), Situated at **Nagareshwara Nagenahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,** Measuring East to West on the Northern Side:43.5 Feet, on the Southern Side 42 Feet and North to South:25 Feet, in all measuring **1068.75 Square Feet,** Presently coming under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No.25, and bounded on the:

East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Remaining Northern Portion of same Site No.5B, South by : Site No.2;

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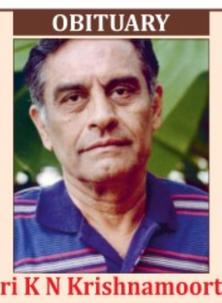

Shri K N Krishnamoorthy

Husband of **Late Smt. Sharada Krishnamoorthy,** sadly passed away on **Tuesday, February 6, 2024** at his home in RT Nagar. He is survived by three sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren.
Memoriam Page can be seen here:
http://bit.ly/KNKMemory

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. SG-CNMTP-AJJELS-TEL-24-01 DT. 08.02.2024

Provision of Telecommunication arrangements in Electric Loco Shed in Arakkonam of Chennai division in connection with Upgradation and Augmentation of infrastructural facilities to increase the holding capacity upto 175 Locos at ELS/AJJ.

Approximate Cash value: ₹ 33.36 lakhs
EMD: ₹ 66,700/-
Period of Completion: 6 months
Date and time of tender closing: 04.03.2024 at 14.00 hrs
For further details refer Website address: **www.ireps.gov.in**
Executive Signal and Telecom Engineer, Construction and Metropolitan Transport Project, Chennai - 31
For and On behalf of President of India
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. 05/MYS/2024 of 06-02-2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Sl.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value
1	Provision of Passenger amenities and renovation of existing station building at Mosalehosahalli Halt Station. **Sub Work - I :** Provision of 5.0m wide high level Platform at PF No. 1 of 470m length with drinking water cisterns and benches. **Sub Work - II :** Provision of low cost PF Shelter (60 Sqm). **Sub Work - III :** Provision of Borewell. **Sub Work - IV :** Approach Road. **Sub Work - V :** Renovation of Mosalehosahalli Station building and construction of Public toilets. **Sub Work - VI :** Construction of Pale fencing (Drg. No. 227)	Rs. 1,63,78,503/-
2	**Sub Work - I :** Mysuru Division : Providing side pathway for Br. No - 90 DN, Br. No - 110 DN, Br. No - 131 DN, Br. No - 18A RUB DN in Arsikere - Harihar Section Down Line, Br. No - 192 D DN in Sampige Road - Arsikere Section Down Line (05 Bridges). **Sub Work - II :** Mysuru Division : Providing side pathway for Br. No - 91 in Mysuru - Arsikere Section, Br. No - 704A DN, Br. No - 706A DN, Br. No - 710A DN, Br. No - 717 DN, Br. No - 739A UP in Mysuru - Yeliyur Section, Br. No - 763 RUB in Mysuru - Chamarajanagar Section (07 Bridges).	Rs. 3,10,74,457/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 11:00 Hrs on 29-02-2024**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-ordination Mysuru
PUB/680/AAS/PRB/SWR/2023-24
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Tender Notice No.58/2024Dt.09.02.2024. Supply Of Stores Items. E-Procurement Tender Notice PUB/0125

The Following Tenders Have Been Floated Online. TendersAre Requested To Visit The Website www.Ireps.Gov.In And Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD May Be Seen In Website. Offers Submitted Manually Will Not Be Accepted. Offers By Post Will Not Be Entertained. Tender Closing Time Is 14.30 Hrs Of The Due Date Of The Tender. "For All Indigenous Offers, EMD Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System As Available On **www.Ireps.Gov.In."**

Tender No.	Brief Description
85.23.1500	Cylindrical Roller Bearing NU 330
30.23.3444A	Polymer buffer spring pack set
LM245077	Ms angle(ISA) 200X200X20mm thikness
29.24.1417A	Primary current sensor .CLW specification
29.23.1437A	Fire detectionequipment No/CLW/ES/3/0057
38.24.1634	Cut off Angle cock with vent
29.24.1125A	Thermoplastic polyurethane spring pads
79.24.1619	Hand Signal Flags Red And Green.
82.24.1447	Zonal Rate contract supply of Insulin
82.24.1450A	Zonal Rate contract supply of Tablets
82.24.0739	Zonal Rate contract supply of injections
60.23.9470	Procurement of various types potentiometer
60.23.9580	Procurement of plasser PAC items.
60238145B	Procurement of Return filter as per JSC Kalgaputmash part no.RSC410FVIFS/RSC
82.24.1446	Zonal Rate contract supply of Insulin
38.24.1145	Modified Elastomeric pad

Note:- Due dates of Tender Opening:
SL.No.01 on dt 19.02.2024.SL.No.02 on dt.27.02.2024 SL.No 03 on dt 28.02.2024. SL No 04 to 06 on dt 29.02.2024 SL No.07 to 10 on dt 04.03.2024 SL No 11 on dt 05.03.2024 SL.No.12 &13 on dt 07.03.2024 SL No.14 on dt 08.03.2024 SL.No.15 &16 on dt. 11.03.2024.

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are OtherTenders Having Value Below Rs. 25 Lakhs.

For Details, Please Visit Railway Website Above

Principal Chief Material Manager, Secunderabad

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through https://ireps.gov.in) PUB/0126

CE/C-VI/SC Construction Organisation, S.C.Railway, Secunderabad, respectively, invites e- tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works:

S.No.: 1 **NIT No:** 02-CAO-C-SC-2024 Date: 03/02/2024 **Name of work:** (i) Carrying out FLS for construction of Bye-pass line at Dhone (12.78 km) like fixing of alignment, pegging out center line, taking levels and finalization of land acquisition proposals, soil investigations, geological investigations for bridges by drilling bore holes, collecting samples, calculation of water way requirement for all the proposed bridges and preparations of GAD's of bridges, station yards, project sheets and submission of detailed estimate complete in all respects with different survey works requiring to be carried out using LIDAR Technology, making EPC documents based on the FLS survey conducted for calling EPC tender and (ii) Preparationof land acquisition proposals for doubling between Perrur - Dhone stations (141.12 Km) of MBNR - DHNE section in Wanaparthy district, Jogulamba Gadwal Dist., Kurnool Dist., and Nandyal Dist. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 86,88,330.87 **EMD:** ₹ 1,73,800.00 **Completion Period:** 06 (Six) Months **Date of Opening:** 27/02/2024 15:00 hrs.

i) For bid document and other details, please login to **website https://ireps.gov.in.**

ii) Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is the Fifteen days period prior to closing of tender.

iii) Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.

A0149 **Chief Administrative Officer, Construction,Secunderabad**

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, please visit website at www.ireps.gov.in http://www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED

CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

GEM CONTRACT NOTICE

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection Drug Testing Device with Testing Catridge

Sl. No.	Name of Project	GeM Contract ID	Bid Submission Last Date
1.	Drug Testing Device with Testing Catridge	GEM/2024/B/4583054	16/02/2024

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website **https://gem.gov.in/**

(SD/-) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LTD.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

SALEM DIVISION
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. SA-TRD-2023-24-132 DATED 09.02.2024

Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction and Distribution branch/ Salem Division, Salem- 5 for and on behalf of the President of India Invites ONLINE tenders for the following works as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** The Tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) intending to apply for e-tender for works in Salem Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tender will be accepted. It is the responsibility of Tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) to obtain Digital Signature certificates for participating e-tendering.

Tender No.: SA-TRD-2023-24-132
Name of work: Salem Division - improvement to existing silver brazed joint contact wire by replacement with hard Drawn grooved copper contact wire

Appx. value of the work (₹ in lakh)	Cost of tender form	Amount of EMD	Completion period of work
20.18	₹ 0	₹ 40400	06 months

Tender closing date and time: **08.03.2024 at 14.30 Hrs.**
Complete details of the above tenders are given on the e-portal **"www.ireps.gov.in".** For Details of bid submission, please refer website portal **"www.ireps.gov.in".**
The online bids for tenders floated through the above portal are required to be digitally signed.
Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction Distribution, Salem
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Government of Karnataka
Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department
Office of the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.
Phone & Fax No : 08539-220054
email: eemidnkst@rediffmail.com

No:EE/MI&GWDD/Koppal/PB/TP/2023-24/386 Dated: 08-02-2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered civil contractors as per standard bid documents from KW-4 on E-procurement portal for 03 no of tender works pertaining to Koppal district. The amount put to tender for the mentioned work varies from **1) Rs. 298.30 Lakhs 2) Rs. 983.57 Lakhs 3) Rs. 447.17 Lakhs** The tenders may submit tenders for the mentioned work through E-procurement portal only. **Two cover** tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP act shall be followed.
For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours and all information regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after **09-02-2024.** Last date & time for receipt of tender is **20-02-2024 time 17.30 hours,** Pre bid meeting will be held on **16-02-2024, 11.00 Hours,** Date & time for opening of technical bid **22-02-2024 time 11.00 hours,** date and time for opening of financial bid **26-02-2024 time 11.00 hours** (If technical bid sanction is accorded by the competent authority).

Sd/- **Executive Engineer**
Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.

DIPR/KOPPAL/424/2023-24/DESHPANDE PUBLICITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my client intends to purchase the property morefully described in the schedule hereunder from its present owners, **1. SMT. S.G. MANJULAMMA,** major in age, wife of Sri. A. Subramanya, residing at House No. 123/66, Devarajanagara, Saraswathi School, Doddaballapura Town, Bengaluru Rural District **2. SMT. NEELAMMA,** aged about 59 years, wife of Sri. Krishna, residing at No. 75, 2nd Cross, Hanumappa Layout, Allasandra, Bengaluru, they having acquired title to the same in terms of the Sale Deeds as mentioned hereunder, which were registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru.
Any persons/firms/companies/financial institutions having or claiming any share, right, title, estate or interest by way of inheritance, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise, bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into or upon the Schedule Property herein below described, are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned at the below given address along with all the documents relating to such claim within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, any such claim of any party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal practical purposes and shall not be entertained hereafter, and I shall opine that the Schedule Property is free of any claims, and my client will be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the Schedule Property.

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ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of dry agricultural land being portion of land in Sy **No.259** measuring **4 acres** granted to **Adonahalli Chikkanna,** situated in Bettahalasuru Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded as mentioned in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of Owner	Sale deed registration No.	Boundaries			
			East By	West By	North By	South By
1.	Smt. S.G. Manjulamma Sy No. 259 measuring 13 ½ Guntas	Document No.YAN-1-05326/2005 -06 dated 18.08.2005	Property belonging to Ashwathamma & others	Land belonging to Kempanna / Ananda & family	Property belonging to Neelamma	Property belonging to B N Patalappa and late B N.Jayaramu
2.	Smt. Neelamma Sy No. 259 measuring 13 ½ guntas	Document No. YAN-1-05333/2005 -06 dated 18.08.2005	Land belonging to Ashwathamma & others	Land belonging to Kempanna / Ananda & family	Remaining portion of Sy No. 259 (Pyki)	Property belonging to S.G. Manjulamma

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 10.02.2024

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No.	Work Description	Due date
232413 006972	Renovation of Community hall - Phase I at TNPL Unit - I.	23.02.2024
232423 004310	Civil works for the formation of playground in Nursery and Primary school at TNPL Unit - II.	24.02.2024

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website & NIC Portal only. Detailed Terms & conditions, Bid fee and EMD details are available in the tender document at our websites: **www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
GROUND WATER DEPARTMENT
NATIONAL HYDROLOGY PROJECT

E-TENDER NOTICE IFB No.TSGW/NHP/2023-24/PW/5220
(Title: Construction of Protection works to the existing Piezometers)
Following online tender is invited by the Ground Water Department, Govt of Telangana from eligible bidders under National Competitive Bidding (NCB)

Details	Important Dates
LOT- V - Construction of 136 Nos of Full / Partial Protection works to the existing piezometers drilled in Telangana region (7 districts Viz- Jogulamba - Gadwal, Mahabub nagar, (Nagarkurool, Nalgonda, Narayanpet, Hyderabad and Medchal - Malkajgiri) **LOT - VI -** Construction of 218 Nos of Full / Partial Protection works to the existing piezometers drilled in Telangana region (4 districts viz- Rangareddy, Sangareddy, Vikarabad and Yadadri - Bhuvanagiri)	Start Date of Download: 12/02/2024 (10.30 hrs). Date of Pre-bid Meeting: 22/02/2024 (11.00 hrs). Last Date of Submission: 13/03/2024 (15.00 hrs)

The details of IFB are available on **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app** (Tender Id No. 2024_GWDTS_794769_1, **https://gwd.telangana.gov.in** and **http://nhp.mowr.gov.in** websites.
R.O. No. : 925-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2023-24 **Director & Nodal Officer, NHP, Ground Water Department**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
FOREST DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (ONLINE ONLY)

Tender Notice No. 6543/2022/D, Dated: 08.02.2024

On behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the District Forest Officer, Chennai Forest Division, Chennai is hereby inviting item wise rate quoted sealed tender (Through Online only) before **5.00 Pm on 23.02.2024** for taking up the works of Fencing by Construction of See Through Barrier along the boundary of Pallikaranai Marsh Land during 2023-24.

The bidders can download the details of works, approximate value, EMD amount, Tender documents from the Government website **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in** from **09.02.2024 at 09.00 am** onwards. Corrigendum if any, will be published in the above said Government website only.

District Forest Officer,
Chennai Forest Division

DIPR / 832 / Tender / 2024

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Tender No: **TIDEL/2023-2024/12**

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For more details and participation in the above e-Tender, please visit the website www.tntenders.gov.in. Last date for online submission of duly filled in tender documents is **3.00 p.m. on 11.03.2024.** TIDEL Park Ltd., reserves the right to accept /reject any one/all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

DIPR/826/TENDER/2024 — **Managing Director**

RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, CHIKMAGALUR.

Tender Notice No.: 26/2023-24 Date: 08.02.2024

Notice Inviting Tender

Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chikkamagalur invites Tender through K.P.P.Portal related to worksof MudigereTaluk of Chikkamagaluru District. Details regarding undertaking works of Rs. 76.11 lakhs or having implemented work as per Standard Tender Document KW3 should be attached. Contract can be awarded to contractors only if they have the minimum qualifications as mentioned in Act 1. Tender for works should be submitted through e-procurement from 08.02.2024to 19.02.2024 up to 5.00 PM. Tender will be opened on 20.02.2024at 5.30 PM. In case this day is a holiday the next day will be considered. Notification can be read on https://kppp.karnataka.gov.inFor further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chikkamagalur

DIPR/ckm/No.169/ksmca/23-24/1228

Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board
O/o The Chief Engineer, KUWS&D Board, Mysuru zonal office, Jalabhavan, #P-4, 10th main, 3rd cross, 3rd floor, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru-09
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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)
IFT no: 1437 dated: 06-02-2024

The tender for the work of "Providing Water Supply Distribution System to Someshwara Town (Tranche 1 & 2), Kotekar Town (Tranche 1 & 2) & Remodelling of Water Supply Distribution System in Ullala Town (Tranche 2) under AMRUT 2.0 including O&M for a period of 5 years (including 1 Year DLP). Through Design, Build, Operation and Transfer (DBOT) Mode. (Lumpsum Tender – No Variation)" amounting to Rs.123.62 Crores has been invited vide Karnataka Public Procurement Portal indent No: KUWSDB/2023-24/WS/WORK_INDENT149. Further details may be obtained through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-Chief Engineer, K.U.W.S. & D Board, Mysuru

DIPR/DD-MYS/KSMCA/1046/2023-24

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E-AUCTION SALE PROCLAMATION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

Sale of immovable asset under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the Act).

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described secured asset is mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken on by the Authorised Officer of M/s. IndusInd Bank Ltd. (the secured creditor). The Property will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 13-03-2024** for recovery of **Rs. 1,88,89,059.62 (Rupees One Crore Eighty Eight Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Fifty Nine and Paisa Sixty Two Only) With further interest there onat the contractual rate and cost, expenses. as on 31.12.2023** with further interest at the contractual rate and costs, charges and expenses due to IndusInd Bank Ltd., from the **borrower M/S. Ravi Petroleum,Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors: 1) . Mrs. ShanthaKumari T.N. 2) Mr. Ravi B.V.**

Description of Immovable properties : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.197, CMC Katha No.182/182 in Sy No.6, situated at ChikkabettettahalliYelahankaHobli, Bangalore North Taluk laid out by the DEFENCE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SITE OWNERS ASSOCIATION, BANGALORE, APPROVED BY BDA, measuring about East to West: 41-0 or 12.49 mtrs feet and North to South:30-0 feet or 9.14 mtrs, totally measuring about 1230 sq.ft or 115.0 Sq. mtrs and **bounded as follows:** East by: Private Land,West by: Road, North by: Site No.198, South by : Site No.196.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,57,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Seven Lakhs Only) EMD : Rs.15,70,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Seventy Thousandonly) Bid Increment : Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to the credit of "IndusInd Bank Ltd", Account No. 00083564604005

Mode of Auction	**E-AUCTON**
Inspection of Property	**16/02/2024 between 11.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.**

Contact Person and Phone No : Mr. Jansi Rao Mob. 9886090570, Mr. Chakradhari Shubham 9304376755 and Authorised Officer Mr.Varadaraj Mob: 9966078652 vardaraj.devaraj@indusind.com.

Last date for submission of Bids (E-auction) : **12/03/2024 up to 04:00 PM**

This publication is also a Thirty Days (30) notice to the aforementioned borrower/ guarantors under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors Website i.e, **https://www.indusindbank.com,** regarding E-Auction/sale of respective property and other details before submitting their bids for taking part in the E –Auction. Bidders may also visit the website **https://www.bankeauctions.com.**

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Government of Karnataka
Minor Irrigation and Ground water Development Division, Chitradurga

NO.EE/MI&GWD DIV/CTA/PB1/SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION: 12/2023-24 DATE: 08.02.2024

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

KW- 4 (TWO COVER SISTEM)

Item rate tender in Two cover system as per KTPP act-2000 with latest amendments is invited from the eligible Class-1 & Above contractors registered in KPWD & CLASS -I(KW4) (Minimum amount put to Tender Rs.150.00 Lakhs and Maximum amount put to Tender Rs. 500.00 Lakhs) for the 05 works through e-procurement portal.

Tender documents may be downloaded from KPPP-Portal website :https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 14-02-2024 Last Date & Time for enquiries about tender 23-02-2024 upto 5.30 P.M., Last Date for submission of Tenders 26-02-2024 upto 4.00 P.M. Opening of Technical bid Date: 27-02-2024 after 4.30 P.M (If possible). Opening of Finanical bid Date 28-02-2024 after 4.30 P.M (If possible). Tenders may be submitted along with EMD and tender fee (Mode of payment should be online only as prescribed in website). Amount mentioned in KPPP portal is final for the amount put to tender & the E.M.D. Additional Information regarding works may be obtained from the Division Office during office hours & from KPPP-Portal help desk No+91-8046010000+91-8068948777& support@eprochelpdesk.com

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/566/2023-24 — Sd/- Executive Engineer, MI, Chitradurga

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CUM DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, GODDA
(District Development Section)

Ref No.: - 01 Date: -09/02/2024

Request For Proposal: - Selection of Agency for Supply and Installation of Medical Equipment in Godda, Jharkhand.

Tender No. :01 Date:09/02/2024

SELECTION OF AGENCY FOR SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

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1	Name of Work	Supply and Installation of MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.
2	Time of Completion	60 DAYS
3	Date of Publication	08.02.2024.
4	Pre Bid meeting	13/02/2024 at 1 PM.
4	Last Date/ Time for Receiving bids	22/02/2024 at 11 AM
5	Date of Bid Opening	22/02/2024 at 1 PM.
6	Application Fee (Not refundable)	Rs. 10000 /- (DD).
7	EMD	Rs. 500000 /-(DD).
8	Contact No. of Procurement person/ Helpline No. of e procurement cell	9709178535 CONTACT NUMBER.
9	Mode of Bid submission	Through GeM Portal

Note: The above dates may change due to abrupt declaration of Holidays.

For further details and subsequent corrigendum, addendum (if any) please log on to website https://godda.nic.in/

Deputy Development Commissioner
Godda

PR 318614 (District)23-24*D

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my client intends to purchase the property morefully described in the schedule hereunder from its present owners, **1. SRI. ANANDA,** aged about 55 years, son of late Kempanna along with other legal heirs of late Kempanna **2. SRI. B.N.PATALAPPA,** major in age, son of late B H Nanjappa and **SRI. PRASANNA B.J.,** aged about 40 years, s/o late B.N. Jayaramaiah along with the other legal heirs late B.H. Nanjappa., **3. SRI. B.S. NARAYANAGOWDA**, aged about 59 years, son of late H. Subbaiah and other legal heirs of late H. Subbaiah, all residing at Bettahalasuru Village, Bengaluru-562157, they having acquired title to the same in terms of the Partition Deed 14.02.1975 registered as Document No. 5223/74-75, Book-I, Volume 1171, Pages 27-39 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli Taluk.

Any persons/firms/companies/financial institutions having or claiming any share, right, title, estate or interest by way of inheritance, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise, bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into or upon the Schedule Property herein below described, are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned at the below given address along with all the documents relating to such claim within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, any such claim of any party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal practical purposes and shall not be entertained hereafter, and I shall opine that the Schedule Property is free of any claims, and my client will be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of dry agricultural land being portion of land in Sy **No.259** measuring **4 acres** granted to **Adonahalli Chikkanna,** situated in Bettahalasuru Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded as mentioned in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of Owner	Sy No. Extent	Boundaries			
			East By	West By	North By	South By
1.	Sri. Ananda and other legal heirs of late Kempanna	Sy No. 259 measuring 1 acre - 13 Guntas	Land belonging to Neelamma, S G Manjulamma, B N Patalappa & family	Government Road	Remaining portion of Sy no. 259 (Pyki)	Sy No. 32
2.	Sri. B N Patalappa and Sri. Prasanna B.J. and other legal heirs of B.H. Nanjappa	Sy No. 259 measuring 27 guntas	Land belonging to Ashwathamma & others	Land belonging to Kempanna & family	Land belonging to Manjulamma	Sy No. 32 & Sy No. 33
3.	Sri. B.S. Narayanagowda and other legal heirs of late H. Subbiah	Sy No. 259 measuring 1 acre 13 guntas	Remaining portion of Sy No. 259 (Pyki)	Land belonging to Neelamma, S.G. Manjulamma & B N Patalappa & family	Remaining portion of Sy No. 259(Pyki)	Property bearing Sy No. 33

Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto,
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 10.02.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our client intends to purchase the property described in Item Nos. 1 to 4 of the Schedule hereunder ("Schedule Property") and it has been represented to our client that the Item No. 1 of the Schedule is owned by Mr. Ramesh Krishnan, son of Late Mr. P. V. Krishnan; Item No. 2 of the Schedule is owned by Mrs. Jayanthy Kannan, wife of Late Mr. Kannan Krishnan and her daughters Mrs. Rupa Kannan and Mrs. Vidya Kannan; Item No. 3 of the Schedule is owned by Mr. Krishnan Ramakrishnan, son of Late Mr. P. V. Krishnan; and Item No. 4 of the Schedule is owned by Mrs. Saraswathi Ramakrishnan, wife of Mr. Krishnan Ramakrishnan. Our client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from the aforesaid owners, based on the representation that the aforesaid person/s are the absolute owners with uninhibited rights of alienation over their respective portions of the Schedule Property.

Any person claiming to have any manner of right, title, claim or interest in the Schedule Property or any portion thereof is hereby called upon to notify the undersigned with supporting documents thereof within Fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice, after which period, our client shall proceed with the purchase thereof on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof nor any objections for sale thereof by the said persons to our client.

SCHEDULE
(Description of the Schedule Property)

Item No. 1: All that piece and parcel of immovable property being premises bearing Municipal No. 4, PID No. 78-54-4, being the entire ground floor having a built-up area of 1,666 Square Feet along with 50% undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land earlier bearing No. 4C/1, measuring on the East 52 Feet, on the West 50 Feet, on the North 57 Feet and on the South 70 Feet, situated at Queens Road, Bengaluru.

Item No. 2: All that piece and parcel of immovable property being premises bearing Municipal No. 4/1, PID No. 78-54-4/1, being the entire first floor having a built-up area of 1,526 Square Feet along with 50% undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land earlier bearing No. 4C/1, measuring on the East 52 Feet, on the West 50 Feet, on the North 57 Feet and on the South 70 Feet, situated at Queens Road, Bengaluru.

Item No. 3: All that piece and parcel of immovable property being premises bearing Municipal No. 5, PID No. 78-54-5, being the entire ground floor having a built-up area of 1,478 Square Feet along with 50% undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land earlier bearing No. 4C, measuring on the East 48 Feet, on the West 70 Feet, on the North 45 Feet and on the South 57 Feet, situated at Queens Road, Bengaluru.

Item No. 4: All that piece and parcel of immovable property being premises bearing Municipal No. 5/1, PID No. 78-54-5/1, being the entire first floor having a built-up area of 1,478 Square Feet along with 50% undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land earlier bearing No. 4C, measuring on the East 48 Feet, on the West 70 Feet, on the North 45 Feet and on the South 57 Feet, situated at Queens Road, Bengaluru.

The Schedule Property is compositely bounded as follows:

East by : Queens Road; **West by :** Property owned by Shri. N. S. Warrier;
North by : Cunningham Road; and **South by :** Property bearing No. 4B, Queens Road.

Place: Bengaluru **Date: February 11, 2024**

Sd./-Anirudh Shenoy, Advocate, CrestLaw Partners
No. 33, Xavier Layout, 1st Cross, Victoria Road, Bengaluru – 560 047
Ph: 080 41473535 / 080 41473536

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No: CAO/CN/BNC/102/2024
Dated : 06-02-2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Balance work for Rebuilding of RE Approaches by construction of RCC Retaining wall of ROB No. 483B at Km. 33/600-700 Between Rajanukunte - Doddaballapur Stations. **(Tender Ref. No. ROB-483B-BALANCE)**	Rs. 6,23,32,766/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 27-02-2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Engineer / Construction / Works Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/679/AAS/PRB/SWR/2023-24

South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No: SnT_RdW-AppL_ReL_Imp
Dated : 06-02-2024

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Name of the Work	Approx. Value
SWR - Bengaluru Division - Road Warning Signal, Approach Locking and Reliability Improvement work at LC gates over Bengaluru Division.	Rs. 1,40,51,701.82

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 29-02-2024**

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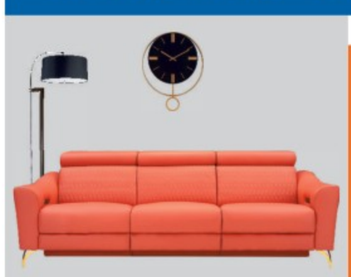

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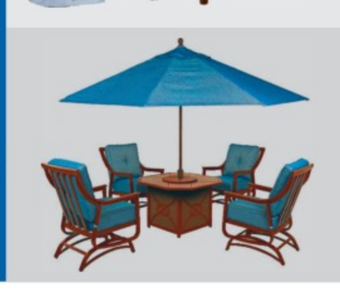

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e-Portal & MPM Ref Tender No.: MPML/2023-24/SE0019 MPM/FFR/DF/RM/2023-24/037 DTD. 07.02.2024 **Material Description:** Debarked Acacia Hybrid **Quantity in MT:** 50000 **Last date & time for Bid submission:** 21.02.2024 17.00 HRS.

MPM intends to sell above said Pulpwood is tendered through e- Procurement portal of Government of Karnataka: https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in Cost of document: As per e- portal norms. Blank tender documents can be down loaded from e- procurement portal; http:// mpm. karnataka. gov.in. website. Any changes / amendments to this tender will be published in the e- procurement portal/MPM website only.

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E-AUCTION SALE PROCLAMATION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

Sale of immovable asset under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the Act).

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described secured asset is mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken on by the Authorised Officer of M/s. IndusInd Bank Ltd. (the secured creditor). The Property will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 12-03-2024** for recovery of **Rs. 1,34,63,649.30 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Four Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Six Hundred Forty Nine and Paisa Thirty Only) With further interest there onat the contractual rate and cost, expenses. as on 31.12.2023** with further interest at the contractual rate and costs, charges and expenses due to IndusInd Bank Ltd., from the **borrower M/S. Alfa Coats Pvt. Ltd, Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors: 1) . Mr. T. G. Srinivas 2) Ms. Sanjana T.S**

Description of Immovable properties : (SCHEDULE -A) : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.142, ITI Layout, Kathriguppa, Banashankari Iii Stage, Bangalore-560085, With Residential Apartment thereon called Nirvana Apartments, c onsisting of Basement + Ground Floor + Two Upper Floors and Part Of Third Floor And **Bounded As Follows,** East By: Site 141, West By: Society Land, North By: Road, South By: Site No.143.Measuring East To West 45ft And North To South 77ft Measuring In Total Area 3465.00sq.Ft.

SCHEDULE-B : Flat No.2, In The Ground Floor, In Apartment Measuring 963 sq.Ft,Of Super Built Up Area In The Land More Fully Described In The SCHEDULE -A Stated In Supra. Consisting of Two Bedroom, Hall, Kitchen, Toilets, Pooja Room, The Flooring Is Mosaic, Doors Are Made in Mathi, Aluminum, Windows, With All Electric and Water Facilities. Undivided Interest Of The Land Measuring 433.125 sq.Ft, With Undivided Right And Title There On. Amenities Car Parking Area Marked as 1 With Exclusive Right of Ownership. **Bounded As Follows,** East By: Site 141, West By: Society Land, North By: Flat No.2, North By: Site No:143.

Reserve Price : Rs.82,30,000 (Rupees Eighty Two Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only) EMD : Rs.8,23,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand only) Bid Increment ; Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) RTGS/NEFT/ Fund Transfer to the credit of "IndusInd Bank Ltd", Account No. 00083564604005

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Contact Person and Phone No : Mr. Jansi Rao Mob. 9886090570, Mr. Chakradhari Shubham 9304376755 and Authorised Officer Mr.Varadaraj Mob: 9966078652 vardaraj.devaraj@indusind.com.

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NRI

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TAMIL

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HINDU MUDALIAR DOB 25.08.1995, 09:38 PM, No dosham, 154cm, B.E., MBA, fair, good looking. Father Mudaliar, Mother Adidravida, Caste no bar. Chennai settled boy preferred. Email photo & details to: k.l.thirupavai@gmail.com

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MARUTHUVAR, HINDU 29/162cm Very Fair Good Looking, M.com, CA Seeks well Qualified Groom Ct: 9600776871

TELUGU ASARI, 37/5.2', Pooratadhi, Kumbam, M.A, M.Phil., Govt.Job, First marriage seeks suitable employed Groom. CNB. Ct: 8838352394

TAMIL

VANNIER AFFLUENT 29/165 MBA, Er, Chicago USA, Chennai Native Seeks Suitable Groom USA, CNB. Ct: Geetham 9884858014

MUDALIAR AFFLUENT 33/160 BL Lawyer, Pooradam Chennai Seeks Suitable Mudaliar Groom Ct: Geetham 9884858014

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PILLAI 24/165CM Fair B.com/ LLB(Hons) Seeks Professionally Qualified Groom well Educated Family 9445125003

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WELL SETTLED Naidu family invites groom for daughter 26/BHMS need Doctors alternate Medicine / Good Business / caste no bar. 98424 66655

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GROOM WANTED
CHRISTIAN, 1992 born/ 5.6', Mother RC, Father - Converted Christian, MBA, Good Looking, Slim, Working in MNC, well settled family seeks suitable Groom
Ct: 9496873651/ 9895563651

Hindu Adidravida Hastham 28/156cm BE Mnc 16L pa seeks suitable Alliance from Govt, PSU, IT. Ct: 94441 55781

HINDU Nadar 35/165cms ME, working in Chennai and Bangalore, 30 Lacs PA own house divorcee no issue Dhanusu Poradam-4 seeks suitable Educated 35-39yrs groom working in Chennai & Bangalore. 9444174503 / 9444475113

Muthuraja (Ambalakarar), 28/159cm, BE MA, Well settled in Chennai. Fair Girl seeking Chennai settled Groom. Contact: 9444335111/9444758668.

HINDU SC AD 35yrs B.E Sr. Software Engineer TCS Chennai seeks suitable Groom. Ct: 99521 47216

Iyer - Vadama, Bharadwaja gothram, 31Y, Fair complexion, 5ft, M.S.(IT), working in MNC(UK), Seeking Groom in the UK. Contact: +91 9080512589.

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BRIDES WANTED

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SC/AD KRITHIKAI 28/168 (Tamil), MBBS, Captain Medical Officer, Indian Army, Kashmir, Seeks for bride working in Doctor Army Officer. Caste No Bar. Contact: 9486008423

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NAIDU 29/180,POORATATHI, BTech, MS Working as Research Engr ,PR of Sweden, Wanted Bride Call 9566682220.

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TAMIL

RC CHRISTIAN Nadar, Age 25, MBBS., MD 2nd Year (General Medicine) Chennai Doctor Seeks Good Looking and caring doctor bride from good family, below 24 years. Ph: 8072411192 / princevijayraj25@ gmail.com

TAMIL

RC CHRISTIAN, 41yrs/170, B.E. Software Engineer, never married, working for mnc, Chennai, CT–9500188067

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MALAYALAM

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TELUGU

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TELUGU KSHATRIYA Raju, 37yrs/ 5.5', Ph.D Food Tech. Asst. Professor at University seeks qualified Groom. CNB. Whatsapp : 8778160819

TAMIL

CHRISTIAN PROTESTANT Nadar Boy, 29/5.9", B.Tech, MBA, IT MNC, Chennai. Ct: 9445447952. jcp.94@ yahoo.com

ALLIANCE INVITED for Tamil Muslim Dr. MD Pediatrician Groom Age: 30/ 180cm, Fair with Clean Habits, Annulled within 6 months. Well Settled affluent Family in Chennai. Seeks qualified brides unmarried or Divorced with no Children Ct: 63749 49036

CHRISTIAN NADAR, Doctor, Divorcee 35yrs/178cm, MBBS, Dip in Cardiology better earning lives in Nagercoil seeks qualified/ Divorced Bride. 9003983230

RC VELLALAR 30/175 B.Com LLB LLM Advocate, High Court, Chennai seeks fair slim employed bride. 6380260233

TELUGU

RICH KAMMA Naidu, 29yrs, BE,MS, Elite business family.Seeks Suitable Groom Contact:9710093999/ 8939691888

BRIDEGROOM WANTED
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Contact: 9444072121

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TAMIL

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VANNIYAR, MS(USA) 30/172 Swathi Fair, Employed in USA seeks well educated suitable bride. Ct: 9444678830.

BRIDE WANTED SC(Ad) 28yrs B. Arch,Own Constructions in Chennai Elite Business family 9710093999/ 8939691888

REMARRIAGE SENGUNTHAR 39/165 BE, SWE, MNC Seeks Good Looking Girl without Child 155cm Educated 9443943012

MUDALIAR, 19–10–1989/6'2", Thiruvadirai, Mithunam, BE, MBA, IT sector,11 LPA, CHE, seeks a good looking, grad, employed girl btw 28–31 yr from a good family, 8056119148.

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NAIDU, B.Tech, MBA, 6 feet, 45 yrs, young looking, unmarried, SWE, 25 LPA, Chennai, Teetotaller, UMC seeks working bride. CNB, FC, OBC. 9443999554, 9442500222. jokannan1975@gmail.com

RC PILLAI 43/170 8Lakhs p/m working in Singapore Divorced Seeks Suitable Bride Caste No Bar Ct:9047192999

ENGINEER, 53, 180cms, unmarried, Bangalore, seeks graduate lady. Mob 8698966952 .

MUDALIYAR, KETTAI, 38/165, M. Tech.,(Ph.D), HOD, Pvt.Engg College Pondy Seeks bride 29 to 36yrs 9942257578

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TAMIL

VANNIYAR RISHABAM Mirugasirisham 26yrs Business Own House 80000pm Seeks Bride from Good Family 9384789838

KARKATHAR PILLAI 29/168 Gen. Surgeon working in AP Pvt Clg Rich affluent family Chennai. looking for PG Doctor Bride Veg Family Ct:9080296807

INTER CASTE: Father Mudaliar RC, Mother Kamma Naidu Hindu, only son, 31yrs,very fair, 6.2ht, good looking, B.Tech, MBA, 35lakhs PA, looking for decent educated girl, caste no bar– Ct: 9940198599, 9840573419

HINDU SC AD, 38/BE/PGD HRM/ Director–L&D,Sftwr Co., Chennai, Unmarried Mob:7824035052

MUDALIYAR MBA Govt Physically Challenge Groom Seeks Normal,Orphan Bride 12th Any Deg No Caste 9042025353

35 Male, 5'8, Tamil, Hindu, Adidravida, BCA, Business (LPG Distributor-Indian Oil Corporation) 14LPA, Bangalore, Father (Doctor) Wellsettled. Casteno-bar. Contact: 7892143841, Email: m7892143841@gmail.com

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CASTE NO Bar 1st Marriage 1978, Midunam, Civil Contractor well settled, Seeks Bride. Ct: 9087865951

AGAMUDAYAR/THULUVA VELLALAR 30yrs, Magam, MBBS, MS 1st year(Govt Service) seeks Doctor Bride from same community. 9443702866

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PILLAI (Sozhiya Vellalar), 37Yrs / 5.8" / Swathi / B.E., Employed and Upper middle class family seeks suitable Alliance (Caste No Bar). Contact: 98432-52888.

36/178, MUTHURAJA/MUDALIYAR groom, BE, PSU 22LPA Visakhapatnam, hometown Chennai. 9442989981/ vaish.nand@gmail.com, Caste no bar.

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AGE 36 Handsome, Well Settled Business man, Comfortable Groom needs first Marriage, Remarriage, Divorce. Contact: 9597834451

AGAMUDAIYAR 39 MSc IT Consultant seeks Bride from OBC shunmugavalli@gmail.com Mob – 9444865135

AGE 46, 2nd Marriage, Working in Hospital at Qatar. Suitable Bride who willing to come Qatar. Ct: +97433840227/ 9498328263

HINDU NADAR, 30yrs/ 180cm, BE MBA, 33 LPA in MNC, Chennai, Well Educated Affluent Family, Seeking Well Educated Employed Bride From a Similar Family Background. Ct: 9841054900

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PILLAI(KARUNEEGAR), DOB:24–01–92, BE, Veg, Job: MNC (Software) Chennai, Annual Income: 25 lakhs. Seeking a suitable bride from the same or any other community. Ph: 9841784047 Email: pingme.arul@gmail.com.

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HINDU PILLAI, 37 yrs/173cm, Ayilyam Star, Kadagam Rasi, B.E, Software/ Chennai, Sal: 50K pm. Seeks Unmarried/ Widow/ Divorcee Bride preferably without issues, Relocation possible, Caste No Bar, No Expectations, Matrimony Agencies welcome. Ct: 94446 64627

46YRS, PG, Building Ind, Normal look, bachelor, kind person, Properties, cast religion no bar. Whatsapp 9345032889

MUDALIAR 28/180, Handsome,BE,MBA, SR.SWE,IBM, 2000000.PA,Affluent Family,CNB. 9043987029, 9043991629

INTERCASTE FATHER Devendra Kula Vellalar, Mother Brahmin, Son Born Oct 1996, fair, height 5.6 ft, good looking , B.E., working in Autonomous organization, Min of Finance in Mumbai 24 lacs pa, looking for decent educated working girl pref Government. Caste no bar. Contact 9444589256 / 8825538874

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SUITABLE MATCH for B.Tech (IIT) working in Central Govt as Group A Gazetted Officer, Mumbai, 30 yrs, 6ft 1inch, Language/Caste No Bar. Contact:+91 9453045661.

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BRAHMIN/ IYER 36yrs Project Mngr MNC @ Ch 14L P/A Seeks Bride from Same Community. 8122264231/ 9500980411

IYER, HASTHAM, 36, BE, ME, MBA, PhD Asst. Prof. Bangalore 12.5L PA, Seeks Any Brahmin girl. Whatsapp: 9092501181 jsshyammohan@gmail.com

BRAHMIN IYENGAR, 32, Central Govt Officer, Using hearing aid, wanted educated Brahmin/Veg girl 9531900983

HINDU-SC Arunthathiyar, 35yrs, B.E, MBA well settled seeks suitable Bride Contact: 98404 76273

SAIVA PILLAI, 36, Rohini, IT, 35K pm, Madurai, Own House, Caste no Bar. Ct: 8056588515

SCAD 30 ME 10LPA Pvt. seeks Chennai based Prof. Qualified Working Bride Contact: 9444445875.

Hindu Adidravida 34yrs B.E, Wipro Chennai. 1Lakh Pm. Divorcee seeks bride. Ct: 94984 84674 / 84283 02001.

TAMIL

Bride Wanted Hindu
Doctor (Paediatrician), Divorcee, 47/180 cm, Mudaliar, currently working in Singapore, seeks suitable alliance. Caste No bar.
drakpchennai@gmail.com
Ct: 9445 811165

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DOCTOR
(PATHOLOGY)
DIVORCED 44 YRS
6 FEET HEIGHT
VANNIYAR CURRENTLY WORKING IN USA
SEEKS SUITABLE **ALLIANCE**
CASTE NO BAR
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TELUGU

NAIDU: 29/180, Handsome, B.E, MS, Industrialist, Only Son, Very Rich Family, Seeks Bride Affluent Family, Any Degree – Ct: 8939012419

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BRIDE WANTED Elite Reddiyar, 33yrs, B.Tech,MS(US),Well Educated family in Chennai. 9710093999/ 8939691888

BALIJA 29/180 cms, Magam, Simma Raasi /BE/ M.S (Ger) working in Germany 51Lpa. Financially Sound. Seeks Suitable Qualified Bride–Sub SectsNo Bar. Ct: 9442623203 / 9442838203

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‘Anti-farmer’ Land Reforms Act will be amended: CM

Women farmers during a convention organised by the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha in Bengaluru on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Assuring that his government is serious about the welfare and rights of farmers, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday announced that the “anti-farmer” Land Reforms Act, 2020, enacted by the previous BJP government, would be amended.

The Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) has been urging the State government to revoke the amendments and laws on land reforms and Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMC) introduced by the previous BJP government, on the grounds that they are detrimental to farmers and have been holding agitations.

The Chief Minister made the assurance while speaking after inaugurating a farmers’ convention organised by the KRRS to mark the 88th birth anniversary of farmer leader M.D. Nanjundaswamy.

‘A motivation’

Accepting the demands seeking a pro-farmer Budget submitted by KRRS members, the Chief Minister recalled his association with Nanjundaswamy and said his farmers’ movement that was in favour of socialist aspirations became a beacon for solving the problems of farmers. “His struggle is a political motivation for me,” the Chief Minister said.

“While I was a law student, Nanjundaswamy was a law college professor. He used to hold discussions with students who were interested in politics. These discussions inspired me into politics. He is the reason behind my political career and I became a Chief Minister twice,” Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

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> **SIDDARAMAIAH,** Chief Minister

“The study circle organised by the farmers’ leader gave insight into many issues. It gave clarity about socialist economy and socialist politics. Many lecturers, professors, and writers used to come to this study circle. It was beneficial for me to meet and interact with them,” he said.

“Nanjundaswamy was active on behalf of farmers till his end. Participating in farmers’ struggle and farmers’ conventions is also a matter of great pleasure and pride for me. Nanjundaswamy and farmers’ struggle have affected society and governments,” he said.

The Chief Minister assured the farmers that their issues would be incorporated and addressed in the coming Budget. “I appreciate your stand against communalism and the spirit of struggle. Our government is with you,” he added.

All eyes on Governor’s address, Budget as parties get ready for LS election

Budget session of the State legislature will start tomorrow; govt. expected to raise issues such as ‘injustice’ meted out to the State by the Centre

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

All eyes are on the Governor’s address and the Karnataka State Budget which Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will present on February 16, as they will offer a glimpse into the ruling Congress’s agenda before the Lok Sabha elections, expected to be held in April-May this year. The 10-day session, which will conclude on February 23, will also provide a platform for political slugfest ahead of the polls between the ruling and Opposition parties.

Governor Thawaarchand Gehlot will address the joint session of both the Houses of the legislature on Monday. His address would spell out the government’s programmes.

The Legislative Council hall of the Vidhana Soudha. The 10-day legislature session is scheduled to conclude on February 23. FILE PHOTO

Storm over ‘injustice’

A stormy session appears to be on the cards as the Siddarmaiah-led government is expected to raise issues such as “injustice” meted out to the State by the Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre in devolution of taxes, grants-in-aid, denial of compensation for drought relief, and non-clearance of pending irrigation and drinking water projects.

The principal Opposition BJP, which has stitched an alliance with the JD(S) for the general elections, and the Congress are expected to indulge in political muscle flexing over the issues related to the government’s alleged failure to handle drought and the failure in handling drinking water supply and fodder in many taluks.

Members of the Opposition are getting ready with their strategy to attack the government on a range of issues, including alleged failure to maintain law and order and communal disharmony, lack of development projects owing to implementation of the five guarantee schemes, mismanagement of the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC), and a ruling member’s statement on discontinuation of guarantee schemes after the Lok Sabha elections.

On ‘40% commission’

The BJP and the JD(S) will use all weapons in their armoury to challenge the government’s track record on corruption, following Karnataka State Contractors’ Association president D. Kempanna’s allegations about the suffering of contractors due to “continuation of 40% commission practice” in the Congress regime. The BJP has already challenged the government to order a probe into all alleged scams that occurred during its regime. Not holding polls to the BBMP council is also likely to be raised to embarrass the Congress, which often speaks of dangers to democracy and the Constitution under the Modi-led government.

The session is likely to witness frequent disruptions over the alleged poor performance of the government and Congress MP D.K. Suresh’s controversial statement on “separate country for South India” on alleged discrimination in allocation of funds to Karnataka in the interim Union Budget.

The Congress is likely to counter the charge by flagging the previous BJP government’s “failures” to flag financial injustice meted out to Karnataka during its rule, despite 25 MPs from the State in the Lok Sabha, and its failure to implement the promises it made in the 2019 polls.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who also holds the Finance portfolio, will present the Budget on Friday. As the Congress bagged 135 seats in the House, many party members have been expecting development works and funds to get sanctioned in their constituencies ahead of the Lok Sabha polls.

The Chief Minister has already said on several occasions that guarantees would continue and close to ₹60,000 crore would be required annually for implementing the five guarantees which would benefit more than four crore people in the State.

Budget size, Bills

The State Budget size is likely to cross about ₹3.5 lakh crore as against the ₹3.27 lakh crore Budget presented in 2023.

Several Bills, including amendments to the Karnataka Panchayat Raj and the APMC Act, are likely to be tabled.

‘Forest land leased before Independence will be reclaimed’

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Minister for Forest, Ecology, and Environment Eshwar B. Khandre said here on Saturday that steps had been taken to expedite the process of reclaiming nearly 7,500 acres of forest land leased out before the Independence.

Mr. Khandre told media persons that almost 95% of the leased forest land is in Chamarajanagar, Mysuru, and Kodagu districts and they were leased for a period of 99 years to individuals and industrialists.

Over the decades, they have been converted into coffee, tea, and rubber plantations and the government has expedited the process of reclaiming them, he added. When the officials issued notices to the tenants under the lease period, some of them approached the court claiming that the lease period was for a duration of 999 years, he said.

Claims disproved

“We disproved the claims and the courts recognised the lease period as 99 years. Now the lease period is over and nearly 7,500 acres of land belonging to the Forest Department has to be reclaimed. This will act as a buffer to our existing forests and provide adequate breathing space for wildlife and reduce conflict situation,” said Mr. Khandre.

Committee set up

He said a committee has been constituted to expedite the reclamation process headed by senior official B.P. Ravi who first issued notices to the lessees when he was the Chief Conservator of Forests in Chamarajanagar. Besides, a legal team has been set up and retired judges are being consulted. The Minister said Bandipur and the adjoining forests were rich in wildlife and their population too had increased owing to protection measures. Rapid urbanisation and disturbance to wildlife habitats were forcing animals to come out and stray into the human landscape, leading to an increase in human-animal conflicts. “With the reclamation of the leased land the conflicts can be arrested significantly,” he added.

On forest encroachment, Mr. Khandre said a joint survey by the Forest Department and the Revenue Department had been ordered to establish the extent of forest land and the revenue land. Though no deadlines can be set, given the complexity of the issue, the joint survey is expected to be completed in six months, the Minister added.

Siddaramaiah, Shivakumar hold LS poll manifesto meet

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah addressing the KPCC’s Lok Sabha Election Manifesto Consultation meeting in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Saturday held a manifesto consultation meeting with Ministers and leaders of the Congress to collect feedback from the people and institutions for preparing the party’s manifesto for the Lok Sabha elections.

The Chief Minister, who is also a member of the committee, addressed party leaders and members of various institutions.

Mr. Shivakumar, who is also the KPCC president, said, “We are keeping in mind the welfare of all sections and the security of the country while preparing the manifesto. The guarantee scheme launched by our government has become a role model in the country. Similarly, we will have a lot of actionable promises in the manifesto too.” INDIA alliance will also collect opinions about the manifesto, Mr. Shivakumar added.

Meanwhile, the Karnataka Kisan Congress demanded the Congress Manifesto Committee to include issues such as the implementation of regional minimum support price for farmers’ produce, and zero-interest crop loan facilities from nationalised banks, among others.

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E-Procurement - Short Term Tender Notification

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water& Sanitation Dept, Yadgir Division, Yadgir Invites short E-Tender in two cover system from Manufactures/ Authorised Distributors, Suppliers for the Annual Maintenance Contract of the scientific equipments and accessories of the District and Taluk Water Quality Testing Laboratories Viz, Yadgir District lab &Shorapur Taluk lab Through E-Procurement mode through portal https://Kppp.karnataka.in Tenders are invited through E-procurement Portal only

1) Downloading of document through e portal: 08.02.2024 **2) Last Date & Time to upload the Bid:** 17.02.2024 3) **Tender Opening Date :**19.02.2024 4.Estimated Cost : 2.36 Lakhs(Including GST)

More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also throughhttps://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in by clicking List of Tenders will link to all Dept works list.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RDWS&S,Division Yadgir

DIP/YDG/317/KSMC&A/2023-24

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Division: Yadgir.
GSTIN:29BLR002252F1DR

No.EE/PWD/Divn/YDG/TS-1/e-Tender/2023-24/ 2510, Dated: 07.02.2024

Short Term e-Tender Notification

1) Details of works: On behalf of Governor of Karnataka as per KTPP Amendment 1999-2000 Act 2000 Standard Bid Document KW-2, 3 & 4 Karnataka Public Works Department invited item Rate Tender vide Single/ Two Cover System from Eligible Agency/Contractors for following work 04 Nos. Under KKRDB for the year 2023-24 for Other's Work Indent No. (1)7967, (2)8313, (3)7695, And for Reserved for ST Category (1)8147 **Estimate Cost:** Minimum Rs.50.00 Lakhs & Maximum Rs.300.90 Lakhs **3) Contractor Eligible Details:** Class-III & Above **4) Tender Procesing Fee and EMD Details:** Tender Fee, EMD & Period as per kppp portal,, **5) Date & Time for of Pre-Bid Meeting:** 12.02.2024 (11.30 hrs Onwards)(Only for KW-4 Works) **6) Date & Time for receipt of queries:** 17.02.2024 (17.30 hrs) **7) Last Date & Time for submission of the tender in KPPP portal:** 20.02.2024 (16.00 hrs) **8) Date & Time of Opening of the Tender/Financial Bid:** 21.02.2024 (16.30 hrs Onwards) (Only for KW-2 Works) **9) Date & Time of Opening of the Tender/Technical Bid:** 22.02.2024 (11.30 hrs Onwards) (Only for KW-3 & 4 Works) **10) Date & Time of Opening of the Financial Bid:** 26.02.2024 (11.30 hrs Onwards) (Only for KW-3 & 4 Works) **11) For More Details Contact:** Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division : Yadgir. **12) Website Address:** https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

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Founder Director - SNAM Group of Companies

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तत् तद् एवेतर जनः
स यत् प्रमाणं कुरुते
लोकस् तद् अनुवर्तते Sloka 21. Chapter 3.The Gita

Whatever action is performed by a great man, common men follow in his footsteps.
And whatever standards he sets by exemplary acts, all the world pursues.

Fondly Remembered by
Vasumathi Sivaraman
Srikanth Sivaraman, Akila Srikanth, Sri Vidya Sivaraman
Aradhana Srikanth & Anirudh Srikanth

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Administrative Training Institute
Lalitha Mahal Road, Mysore-570011
No: ATI/6/TND/TEND/2023-JD-ATI Dated:08.02.2024

TENDER PUBLICATION

Administrative Training Institute, Mysore and State Institute for Urban Development (Functioning in ATI Campus), Mysore is inviting short term tender through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for providing Horticulture Maintenance Service for a period of One year and Subject to Extension for a period of 02 years (Extension for one year at a time) based on performance. Registered/eligible firms/organizations can submit their bids through the Karnataka Public Procurement portal Website:**https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Details of the tender are as follows:

Sl No	Details of the service	Approximate Amount	E.M.D
1	Tender through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for providing Horticulture Maintenance Service for Administrative Training Institute and State Institute for Urban Development (Functioning in ATI Campus), Mysore for a period of one year and Subject to Extension for a period of 02 years (Extension for one year at a time) based on Performance.	Rs.95,49,990/-	Rs.1,91,000/-

The tender documents can be viewed on the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal from 09.02.2024 at 11.30AM. The last date for the submission of bid is 17.02.2024 at 5.30 (Evening). The Tender bids will be opened on 19.02.2024 at 11.30 in the Morning. Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned address

Sd/-Tender Inviting Authority,
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ASHA workers in Karnataka to stage two-day protest

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Demanding delinking of the Reproductive and Health Centre (RCH) portal from the payroll process and a monthly fixed honorarium of ₹15,000, members of the Karnataka Rajya Samyuktha ASHA Karyakarteyara Sangha, affiliated to the AIUTUC, have threatened to organise 'Vidhana Soudha Chalo' on February 13 and stage a protest demonstration on February 14.

The RCH portal, they say, is leading to irregular remission of their incentives. A fixed honorarium of ₹15,000 (together from the Centre and State government) will eliminate the need to repeatedly update or upload their work in the portal, stated a release.

Sangha State secretary D. Nagalakshmi said each ASHA worker is losing nearly ₹4,000 a month due to incomplete entries. "We provided all the statistics to the department after visiting six districts along with officials. Ten meetings have been held in the last eight months but there has been no respite," she said.

"The Health Department should not force ASHA workers to update all work details on mobile phones without providing mobile data facility and incentives. Many do not know how to enter data on the mobile apps. Alternative arrangements should be made," she said.

Protest rages after jumbo tramples man to death in Wayanad

He was attacked by a radio-collared wild elephant translocated from Karnataka; irate locals block vehicles of District Police Chief, Collector

Seeking justice: Residents staging a protest after a man was trampled by a wild elephant at Mananthavady town in Wayanad district on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau
KALPETTA/KOZHIKODE

Tension prevailed at Mananthavady in Kerala after public anger over the death of a farmer in a wild elephant attack spilled onto the streets on Saturday.

The deceased was identified as Aji, 45, of Panachi at Chaligaddha in the North Wayanad Forest Division. Aji was attacked by a radio-collared wild elephant translocated from Karnataka.

The marauding elephant chased Aji into the house compound of his friend at Padmala and trampled him to death. He was returning home after meeting daily wage workers on Saturday morning.

Irate residents blocked all major roads, including the busy main thoroughfare to Mysuru, alleging apathy on the part of forest officials and Wayanad district administration to intervene in the issue.

Wayanad Sub-Collector and Revenue Divisional Officer Vishal Sagar Bharath imposed Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in certain divisions of Mananthavady municipality after the elephant triggered panic among residents at Kurukkan Moola, Kuruva, Kadankolly, and Payyampally. A CCTV camera footage of the elephant attack went viral on social and mainstream media, stoking public anger against the authorities.

People stopped the official car of the District Police Chief, forcing him to walk to the morgue of the Government Medical College Hospital, Wayanad, to see the body of the farmer.

Later, the mob intensified the protest with the body of the farmer in Mananthavady town by raising a slew of demands, including compensation of ₹50 lakh and job for the kin of the deceased, meeting educational expenses of the children, and waiver of his loans.

Wayanad Collector Renu Raj was detained by the protesters raising the demands when she reached the spot.

Aid announced

Minister for Forest and Wildlife A.K. Saseendran has said that a special team has been tasked with tranquilizing the wild elephant.

A compensation of ₹10 lakh would be granted to the family of deceased. One of his family members will be given a government job as well.

Cong. guarantees get special focus in Telangana Budget

M. Rajeev
HYDERABAD

Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu

The Telangana government has presented the Budget with an outlay of ₹2.75 lakh crore for the financial year 2024-25.

The vote on account Budget, the first to be presented by the Congress government, projected a revenue expenditure of ₹2.01 lakh crore and capital expenditure of ₹29,669 crore during the year. The Budget, which was presented by Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, has a heavy accent on welfare with special focus on the implementation of the six guarantees the Congress has promised in the run-up to the elections.

Huge allocations

Accordingly, a huge ₹53,196 crore, one-fourth of the total revenue expenditure, has been earmarked for the implementation of the guarantees through different departments. The government has started implementation of free bus travel for women with a monthly outgo of ₹300 crore and enhanced coverage under Arogya Sri to ₹10 lakh.

The next guarantee to be implemented appears to be Gruha Jyoti under which a free power supply of up to 200 units would be provided to all eligible households. The government has made a provision of ₹2,418 crore for the scheme taking the total allocation to Transco and distribution companies to ₹16,825 crore.

The Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department got a lion's share of ₹40,800 crore. Meanwhile, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Welfare were allocated ₹21,874 crore and ₹13,313 crore, respectively. Similarly, ₹8,000 crore had been allocated to the Backward Classes Welfare and another ₹2,262 crore for Minorities Welfare.

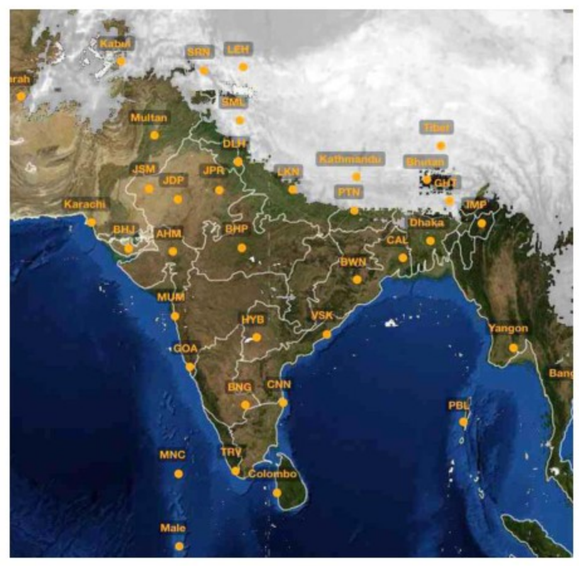
The government had also made provision of ₹1,000 crore for construction of new buildings for SC schools and another ₹250 crore for construction of buildings for schools meant for STs.

Likewise, the Education Department had been provided with ₹21,389 crore which included ₹500 crore for improvement of infrastructure in all the universities including the Osmania University and the medical and health sector had been given ₹11,500 crore.

The State made provision of ₹19,746 crore for the Agriculture department which included review of the Rythu Bandhu and implementation of Rythu Bharosa. A huge quantum of ₹28,024 crore had been allocated to Irrigation department.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over east Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Vidarbha

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	27.0	10.5	Kozhikode	—	35.8	25.6
Ahmedabad	—	29.2	14.8	Kurnool	—	36.3	22.9
Aizawl	—	25.5	7.9	Lucknow	—	24.3	7.9
Allahabad	—	25.5	7.2	Madurai	—	34.4	22.1
Bengaluru	—	31.2	19.2	Mangaluru	—	33.5	24.2
Bhopal	—	24.7	11.1	Mumbai	—	31.5	17.7
Bhubaneswar	—	30.0	15.0	Mysuru	—	33.0	16.0
Chandigarh	—	22.7	9.1	New Delhi	—	23.6	5.2
Chennai	—	32.3	25.2	Patna	—	25.0	8.2
Coimbatore	—	32.0	21.6	Port Blair	—	30.3	21.1
Dehradun	—	22.8	8.8	Puducherry	—	32.4	23.3
Gangtok	—	17.0	7.5	Pune	—	36.4	15.1
Goa	—	32.8	21.8	Raipur	—	31.2	16.3
Guwahati	—	27.2	8.8	Ranchi	—	26.2	9.2
Hubballi	—	36.0	21.0	Shillong	—	19.1	5.2
Hyderabad	—	32.3	21.4	Shimla	—	15.8	4.0
Imphal	—	25.3	4.6	Srinagar	—	13.1	-4.9
Jaipur	—	24.1	10.3	Thiruvananthapuram	—	35.2	23.3
Kochi	—	33.0	24.2	Tiruchi	—	33.3	22.6
Kohima	—	15.5	6.4	Vijayawada	—	31.4	23.2
Kolkata	—	26.0	13.7	Visakhapatnam	—	29.5	23.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	5	27	.78	158	112	
Bengaluru	.24	.17	.25	150	96	
Chennai	2	28	.62	149	143	
Delhi	.31	214	.36	365	363	
Hyderabad	4	.29	.51	71	115	
Kolkata	.27	.80	.20	153	128	
Lucknow	.10	.74	.54	246	208	
Mumbai	—	297	—	107	124	
Pune	.99	139	114	108	101	
Visakhapatnam	.13	.32	.25	85	111	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Buxar, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 330 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Maihar, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 35

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

'Will order probe into irregularities by BRS'

R. Ravikanth Reddy
HYDERABAD

Revanth Reddy

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said his government was ordering an inquiry into the construction of the new Secretariat, Martyrs Memorial and the 125-ft B.R. Ambedkar statue over allegations of irregularities.

In an informal chat with mediapersons, he said one can understand escalation of the cost, but not when the intentions are to make money in the construction.

The Chief Minister said the MLAs would be taken to the Medigadda project site on February 13. He demanded that the BRS floor leader and former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao visit the project site, which has been in the news after the barrage's pillars sank.

He said if the BRS MLAs prefer another date for the visit, the government would alter the plan as the intention was to show everyone, including the floor leaders of all the parties, the present status of the project.

Flying high

Fun time: A variety of kites are on display as the two-day International Kite Festival kicked off at the Tannirbavi beach in Mangaluru in Karnataka on Saturday. H.S. MANJUNATH

7 killed, 15 injured in three-vehicle crash

The Hindu Bureau
NELLORE

The mangled remains of the vehicle on roadside.

Seven persons were killed and 15 injured, several of them critically, after a lorry jumped the road median and crashed into a private travel bus, a few metres away from the Musunuru Toll Plaza, 60 km from here, on Saturday.

The police said, first a lorry hit another lorry, which in turn jumped the median, and collided with a private bus coming in the opposite direction.

According to the Kavali police, the private bus was on its way to Hyderabad from Chennai, when the mishap occurred around 3 a.m. The impact left the three vehicles mangled, killing four persons on the spot. Three succumbed to injuries at the area hospital at Kavali.

The police said that they had to use gas cutters to retrieve a couple of bodies and injured passengers.

OM of Ministry of Home Affairs authorising heads of banks to issue LOCs invalid: HC

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The office memoranda (OMs) on lookout circular (LOC), issued by the Bureau of Immigration of the Ministry of Home Affairs, which also authorises the heads of the public sector banks to issue LOCs, is not valid in the eyes of law, the High Court of Karnataka said.

"There can be no delegation to any other entity like the Chairman/Managing Director/Chief Executive of public sector banks to issue the LOC," the court said while pointing out that Section 21 of the Passports Act, 1967, enables the Central government to delegate its power only to any officer subordinate to the Central government or to the State government or to an officer subordinate to the State govt. or to officer of the Indian Consul abroad.

Justice Krishna S. Dixit made these observations while keeping in suspended animation the LOCs issued by the heads of the Punjab National Bank and the Bank of Baroda against India-born Emirati entrepreneur Bavaguthu Raghuram Shetty (popularly known as B.R. Shetty). Mr. Shetty is facing proceedings initiated for recovering ₹2,324 crore due to the banks in his personal capacity and as a personal guarantor to various borrowings of his companies.

"Power to delegate cannot be broadly interpreted to rope in those which Parliament itself did not intend," the court observed while also pointing out that OMs on LOC have not been issued in the official Gazette as the delegation can be made only by a notification published in the official Gazette.

The court also noted that OMs are not shown to have been issued under any provisions of the Passports Act or any other statute.

Not set aside

However, the court did not strike down the OMs as there was no specific challenge to the validity of the OMs as the petitioner had only questioned the LOCs, which are operating against him since 2000, and sought permission to leave for Dubai.

While noticing the verdicts of other High Courts, which have already held that LOCs cannot be issued for recovery of debt, the court said that banks' interest can be taken care of from the Mareva injunction order, which has been already secured by the banks that prohibits him from alienating, encumbering or otherwise dealing with any of his properties/assets, whether disclosed or undisclosed.

While allowing Mr. Shetty to go abroad if no other restriction exists for his travel abroad other than these LOCs, the court directed him to file an affidavit giving an undertaking not to alienate or meddle with his properties anywhere in the globe, disclosed or undisclosed, and to come back to India whenever needed for legal proceedings, and not to leave the country without the prior permission.

Noticing that the banks have not initiated any criminal proceedings against him so far, the court said Mr. Shetty should not resist, on any ground, if any proceedings that may be instituted under the provisions of the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act of 2018, the Extradition Act, 1962, or such other law, or any extradition/rendition proceedings are taken up abroad.

U.S. higher education fair in Bengaluru on February 12

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. Commercial Service in India, and the U.S. Consulate General Chennai will host a free U.S. higher education fair in Bengaluru on February 12 at the JW Marriott Hotel. It will also be held in Manipal and Mangaluru till February 20.

Connection

"The U.S. Consulate General in Chennai is connecting American universities to South Indian business and research partners to harness the immense talent in both our countries to drive growth and foster the innovation that will take our relationship to the next level," said U.S. Consul General Chennai Christopher Hodges.

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Parliament hails Ram temple in resolution

Mr. Shah expressed confidence that the Modi government would come back to power after the general elections.

Remembering BJP veteran L.K. Advani's contribution with his "rath yatra", the Home Minister said it acted as an awakening for people and Mr. Modi during his tenure finally fulfilled their aspirations.

In the Rajya Sabha, Leader of the House and Union Minister Piyush Goyal said people from all over India took part in the consecration of the Ram Temple and the movement preceding it, thanking the Prime Minister for his "extraordinary contribution" to the creation of the temple.

BJP president J.P. Nadda, also speaking on the occasion, said that "under Prime Minister Modi's rule, we can hope to establish Ram Rajya".

EPFO sets interest on PF deposits at 8.25%

"The CBT has recommended a distribution of historic income amount of ₹1,07,000 crore to EPF members' accounts on a total principal amount of about ₹13 lakh crore, which were ₹91,151.66 crore and ₹ 11.02 lakh crore respectively in 2022-23. The total income recommended for distribution is the highest on record," the Centre said, adding that the income had grown by more than 17.39% and principal amount had increased by 17.97%, which is a healthy financial performance.

The issue of non-inclusion of representatives of the INTUC and the AITUC in the CBT were also taken up during the meeting.

A meeting of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) was also held on Saturday. The meeting decided to extend the ESIC's medical benefits to superannuated insured persons with relaxed norms. Superannuating workers, who were insured under the ESIC but who went out of the scheme coverage in view of exceeding the wage ceiling, will get the benefit if the worker was under insurable employment for at least five years before superannuation or voluntary retirement. "The persons who were in the insurable employment for at least five years after April 1, 2012, and superannuated/voluntarily retired on or after April 1, 2017 with wages up to ₹30,000 per month will be benefited under the new scheme," the Ministry said.

It also relaxed existing norms for establishment of dispensaries, medical infrastructure, Regional-Sub Regional offices in north-eastern States, including Sikkim.

It also approved a new policy on AYUSH 2023 in ESIC institutions. The ESIC will also acquire land for construction of 100-bed hospitals at Udupi in Karnataka, Idukki in Kerala, and for a 150-bed hospital at Malerkotla in Punjab.

All eyes on Manjhi's four MLAs ahead of floor test

Lalu Prasad reportedly offers Manjhi CM's post if Opposition forms govt. in Bihar; HAM(S) issues a whip to its four MLAs asking them to be present in the House on the day of confidence motion

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad on Saturday sent his emissary to the residence of Jitan Ram Manjhi, former Bihar Chief Minister and founder of the Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular), who has emerged as a key player ahead of the floor test in the State Assembly on Monday.

MLA Mehboob Alam of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist), which is an important constituent of the *Mahagathbandhan* (grand alliance), called on Mr. Manjhi at his residence, and the two had a closed-door meeting lasting nearly half an hour. Mr. Prasad has reportedly offered Mr. Manjhi, who has four MLAs backing him, the Chief Minister's post if the Opposition formed the government in Bihar.

Five days ago, Mr. Manjhi had expressed his disappointment over the allotment of the portfolio he had held previously to his son, Santosh Kumar Suman, in the newly formed National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government. While addressing a public meeting in Gaya, Mr. Manjhi had said that from 1984 to 2013, he had always

In focus: Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) chief Jitan Ram Manjhi with party MLAs during a meeting in Patna. FILE PHOTO

been made the Scheduled Caste Welfare Department Minister, and now his son had also been given the same Ministry. He questioned why the Road Construction Department or the Water Resources Department was never given to his son.

Mr. Alam, however, did not say if his meeting pertained to the floor test.

"I had just come here to inquire about his health and he [Mr. Manjhi] is totally fit now and we are sure that he will play well. He knows how to play because he has been raising the voice of the poor people," Mr. Alam said as he came out of Mr. Manjhi's official residence.

Later, the HAM(S) issued a whip to its four MLAs, asking them to remain present in the House on the day of confidence motion. "The party has issued a whip to all the MLAs to remain present during the trust vote. The whip is not related to voting in favour of or against the government. The whip related to voting is issued on the day of the confidence motion," Danish Rizwan, Mr. Manjhi's political adviser, told *The Hindu*.

Quite like the RJD, the ruling JD(U) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) are also not leaving any stone unturned to keep their flock together. The JD(U) on Saturday organised lunch for all its MLAs at the residence of Cabinet Minister Shravan Kumar, reportedly for the head count. However, only 38 of the 45 MLAs attended the event.

The seven JD(U) MLAs who missed the lunch were Beema Bharti, Dilip Rai, Sanjeev Kumar, Shalini Mishra, Aman Bhushan Hazari, Anirudh Yadav, and Sudharshan Kumar. Mr. Shravan Kumar, however, said that the invitees who missed the lunch had personal reasons for their absence and had informed the party beforehand. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar also attended the lunch event briefly. He, however, did not speak to presspersons.

While the Congress shifted its MLAs to Hyderabad, the BJP has shifted all its MLAs to Bodh Gaya on the pretext of a "training camp". The RJD, too, convened its legislative party meeting at the residence of former Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav to discuss its strategy for the floor test.

All 79 RJD MLAs have been asked to stay at 5, Deshratna Marg, Mr. Tejashwi Yadav's official residence in Patna, till the floor test. They will reach the Assembly on 12 February directly from here. They are reportedly not allowed to go outside, and their belongings have been brought from their respective houses.

AAP to go it alone in Punjab, candidates to be announced soon

Vikas Vasudeva
CHANDIGARH

Bhagwant Mann and Arvind Kejriwal.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Saturday reiterated that it will contest all 13 seats in Punjab in the 2024 Lok Sabha election, dismissing the possibility of seat-sharing with its Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) partners in the State.

The party also intends to go it alone in Chandigarh, which has one Lok Sabha seat. The AAP would announce its candidates for all the 14 Lok Sabha seats in the next fortnight.

AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann made it clear that in the upcoming Lok Sabha election the party will go solo in Punjab as well as in Chandigarh, the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana. Interestingly, the Congress and the AAP recently jointly contested the mayoral elections for Chandigarh Municipal Corporation against the Bharatiya Janata Party. They faced a setback after their joint candidates lost to the BJP.

Addressing a gathering in Punjab's Khanna, Mr. Kejriwal said the Lok Sabha election is approaching, and there are 13 Lok Sabha seats in Punjab, besides one in Chandigarh, and in the next 10-15 days, the AAP will announce its candidates for all these 14 seats.

"I urge all of you to bless us the same way you did two years ago [2022 Assembly election], and make us win all these 14 seats by voting for the party," he said.

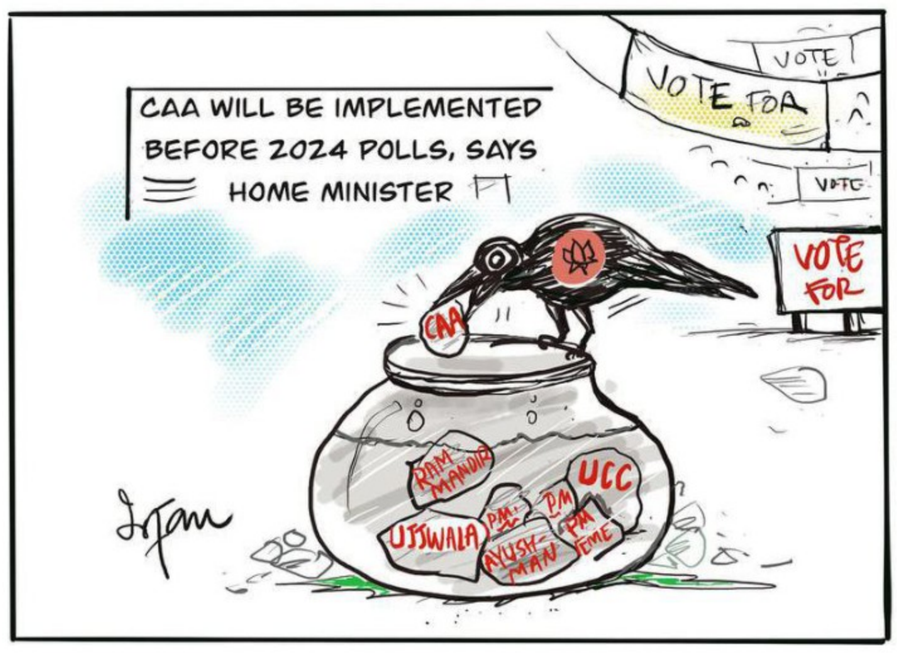
Criticising Opposition

Mr. Kejriwal, who was speaking after the launch of the '*Ghar Ghar Muft Ration*' scheme, aimed at free delivery of ration to the people at their doorsteps, took a dig at Opposition parties, alleging that for the last 75 years, the ration through Public Distribution System never reached the beneficiaries, adding that the ration meant for the common man was looted by the political parties and their leaders.

He also targeted the BJP-led government at the Centre, accusing it of adopting a hostile attitude against all the non-BJP-ruled States.

Mr. Mann said AAP will win all 13 seats in Punjab and one in Chandigarh.

On the draw



ED raids places linked to Karnataka Congress MLA

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Enforcement Directorate (ED) sleuths on Saturday conducted simultaneous raids on as many as six places connected to Ballari City MLA and Congress leader Nara Bharath Reddy.

The residences of Mr. Reddy and his uncle Pratap Reddy at Nehru Colony in the city, his father and former legislator Suryanarayana Reddy's office in Gandhi Nagar and the residences of his close associate Ratna Babu and his relative Anil were among the premises that officials raided at around 6.30 in the morning.

Around 20 officials who arrived in seven vehicles with Central Reserve Police Force personnel from Bengaluru early in the morning began the search operations by 6.30 am. The local police were not informed about the raids.

Before the Model Code of Conduct was enforced for the last Assembly elections, Mr. Reddy, a strong contender for Congress ticket from Ballari City segment, had distributed cookers to the people to celebrate his birthday.

Mr. Reddy's family is engaged in granite mining business in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

Mr. Pratap Reddy is preparing to contest the Legislative Council elections from North East Graduates constituency. He had contested the elections on Janata Dal (Secular) ticket and lost in the last MLC elections by a thin margin.

"It is a blatant misuse of power by the BJP-led Union government. Nara Bharath Reddy has rapidly grown in politics and emerged as a youth icon in Kalyana Karnataka. His massive victory in the last Assembly elections with the highest margin of votes showed his strength. BJP is afraid of his influence in and around Ballari and sees him as a threat. That is why the BJP-led Union government is attempting to suppress him before the Lok Sabha elections," M. Prabhanjan Kumar, a Congress leader and Ballari City Municipal Council member, told *The Hindu*.

Responding to the raids on the premises linked to his MLA, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge sarcastically said that Central Bureau of Investigation, Income Tax Department and Enforcement Directorate were the star campaigners for BJP in the elections. "BJP doesn't face the election directly. They unleashed the attack against their political rivals through these Central agencies before going for the elections," he told reporters in Kalaburagi.

5 arrested over violence in Haldwani; officials under fire for ignoring warnings

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The police arrested five persons on Saturday for their alleged involvement in the violent clashes at Haldwani in Uttarakhand that left five dead. Three FIRs were lodged against 5,000 unidentified persons. The State government has also ordered a magisterial probe by the Kumaon Commissioner.

Violence broke out at Banbhoolpura in Haldwani on Thursday after the demolition of a madrasa and masjid as part of an anti-encroachment drive in Nainital district. Five people died and 14 persons were critically injured in the clashes.

Meanwhile, the district authorities came under criticism for reportedly ignoring alerts in the daily reports of the police's Local Intelligence Unit (LIU), which pointed to the possibility of aggressive protests

Making peace: The market area wears a deserted look amid curfew at Banbhoolpura in Haldwani on Saturday. PTI

by residents that might cause obstructions to the anti-encroachment drive.

As per the purported LIU reports making the rounds on social media, the agency mentioned the meeting of Kumaon Commissioner Deepak Rawat with representatives of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind on January 31 "on a serious matter".

Another LIU input of the same day mentions chances of aggressive protests in case the madrasa in Banbhoolpura's Malik Ka Bagicha is demolished. The LIU reports sent to the administration on February 2 and 3 also reportedly mentioned law and order threat in the area.

Bahujan Samaj Party national president Mayawati took to X and said the incident could have been averted had the government, administration, and intelligence machinery been on alert.

Curfew was lifted from all parts of Haldwani except Banbhoolpura on Saturday.

Congress included PM's caste in OBC list during its rule: Shah

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday termed "unfortunate" the debate on the caste of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, alleging that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had a habit of distorting facts.

Mr. Shah was speaking at the Global Business Summit organised by a television channel in New Delhi. He said it was the Congress government in Gujarat that included Mr. Modi's caste in the list of Other Backward Classes (OBC) in 1994.

"Prime Minister Modi's caste was listed in Gujarat as OBC on July 25, 1994. At that time, the Chief Minister of Gujarat was Chhabildas Mehta and the party in power was the Congress. Till that time, Mr. Modi had not contested a single election," the Minister said.

"Subsequently, the Gujarat government recommended for the inclusion of his caste in the Central OBC list. It was finally included in the Central list in 2000. At that time also, Mr. Modi was not in a position of power. He became the Chief Minister in 2001. These people have a habit of distorting facts," he said.

The Home Minister said Mr. Gandhi "has a habit of telling lies and repeating those thereafter."

Mr. Gandhi recently said that Mr. Modi was not an OBC by birth and had got his caste included in the OBC list during the BJP government's tenure in Gujarat in 2000.

CAA will be implemented before LS election: Shah

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The rules for implementing the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) will be issued before the coming Lok Sabha election, and the process to grant Indian nationality to the beneficiaries will start soon after, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said here on Saturday.

Under the CAA, the Centre wants to grant Indian nationality to persecuted non-Muslim migrants from Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Afghanistan who arrived in India till December 31, 2014. "The CAA is a law of the country and its notification will definitely be issued. The CAA will be implemented before the elections," Mr. Shah said.

'Charan Singh's ideals seen in workings of Modi govt.'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Only a government rooted in ground realities can understand the voices from the ground, Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) president and Rajya Sabha MP Chaudhary Jayant Singh said on Saturday, hailing the Narendra Modi government for conferring Bharat Ratna on his grandfather Chaudhary Charan Singh.

Mr. Singh won the Rajya Sabha election with support of Samajwadi Party and is now headed to an alliance with BJP ahead of the 2024 general election. His remarks were interrupted when several Congress MPs questioned Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar's decision to allow him to speak, without first consulting the House. The ruling party and Chairman Dhankhar accused the Congress of insulting Charan Singh while Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge insisted that he salutes the Bharat Ratna awardees, but rules must be adhered to.

Congress questioned Mr. Dhankhar's decision to allow Mr. Singh to speak

After order was restored, Mr. Singh continued with his speech. He lamented that a leader like Charan Singh is being seen through the political prism and linked to formation and breaking of alliances. "I admit I was with the Opposition for 10 years. I started sitting here [treasury benches] just a while ago. I have seen glimpses of Charan Singh's ideals in the working of this government in the last 10 years," he said.

Expressing his gratitude towards the Modi government, the RLD chief said: "Only a government which is rooted in ground realities, understands the voices from the ground and strengthens them can honour *Dhartiputra* [son of the soil] Charan Singh with Bharat Ratna."

The Bharat Ratna honour, Mr. Singh said, brings two broad changes. One, it "institutionalises" the former Prime Minister's legacy and will inspire research in Charan Singh's economic and administrative policies. Second, it instils hope in people.

Glimpses from the House

THE 17TH LOK SABHA, WHICH TOOK OFF WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE SPECIAL STATUS OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR UNDER ARTICLE 370 OF THE CONSTITUTION, ENDED ITS LAST SESSION ON SATURDAY WITH A SPECIAL DISCUSSION ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RAM TEMPLE AT AYODHYA. **KEY MOMENTS OVER FIVE YEARS:**

ABROGATION OF J&K SPECIAL STATUS: A long-cherished political goal of Jan Sangh ideologue Syama Prasad Mookerjee, the abrogation of the special status of J&K under Article 370 of the Constitution was among the key decisions of Modi government 2.0

TRIPLE TALAQ BAN: Among the first laws that the Modi government brought in its second tenure was the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2019. It banned instant triple talaq

FUNCTIONING UNDER COVID-19 PROTOCOLS: The Monsoon Session in 2020 was the first session that got delayed due to the pandemic. It was held amid major changes due to the COVID-19 protocols. The Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha had separate sittings as members were spread across the two chambers to maintain social distancing

THREE FARM LAWS: In September 2020, Parliament passed three farm laws. Farmers from Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh began a protest, forcing the government to roll back the controversial laws in November 2021

NEW HOME FOR PARLIAMENT: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new Parliament building on May 28. Amid vedic chants by priests, the Prime Minister performed pujas and later installed a *Sengol* (sceptre, in picture, left) from Tamil Nadu in the Lok Sabha chamber, right next to the Speaker's chair. The ceremony was boycotted by 19 Opposition parties over what they described as a violation of protocol as it should have been presided over by the President

WOMEN'S RESERVATION LAW: Twenty-seven years after the women's reservation Bill was first introduced in Parliament, the Lok Sabha on September 20, 2023 passed a Bill with near unanimity to amend the Constitution and provide one-third reservation to women in the Lok Sabha and the State Assemblies

END OF COLONIAL-ERA CRIMINAL LAWS: The 17th Lok Sabha witnessed the passage of the Bharatiya Nyaya (Second) Sanhita Bill, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha (Second) Sanhita Bill, and the Bharatiya Sakshya (Second) Bill to replace the Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure, and the Indian Evidence Act, respectively

SECURITY BREACH: On December 13, 2023, the 22nd anniversary of the terror attack on Parliament, two men jumped from the visitor's gallery, into the Lok Sabha chamber. They were carrying canisters that emitted yellow smoke (in picture). MPs apprehended the intruders and handed them to the security staff

RECORD SUSPENSION IN A SINGLE SESSION: The Winter Session of Parliament in December 2023 saw as many as 146 Opposition MPs being suspended from both Houses for bringing placards. The Opposition, however, alleged that the suspensions were aimed at preventing them from asking questions to the Home Minister on the security breach

DISQUALIFICATION AND EXPULSION: The 17th Lok Sabha saw the disqualification of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi after he was convicted in a defamation case by a Gujarat court. His membership was reinstated days after the Supreme Court stayed the conviction. The House also expelled Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra after the Ethics Committee found her guilty of "unethical conduct" and contempt of the House for sharing her Lok Sabha credentials with unauthorised persons

Manmohan Singh missed the reforms bus as PM, says Nirmala

Finance Minister accuses the UPA government of thorough mismanagement after the global financial crisis, says the Modi government had to carefully extricate India's economy out of the thorns the UPA had tangled it in, without ripping its fabric

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Detailed account: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman speaks in the Rajya Sabha on Saturday. PTI

The United Progressive Alliance (UPA) squandered the opportunity to implement the unfinished reforms agenda from 1991 during its decade in office, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in the Rajya Sabha on Saturday, accusing the Manmohan Singh government of "thorough mismanagement" after the global financial crisis.

Citing a Tamil proverb "*Mullu Mel Potta Thuni Mathiri*" (Like a cloth placed on thorns) in response to a discussion on the White Paper on economy, Ms. Sitharaman said the Narendra Modi government had to carefully extricate India's economy out of the thorns the UPA had tangled it in, without ripping its fabric.

"The economy was like a piece of cloth on that thorny bush, the thorns were all those malpractices that had torn into the economy. The whole world was using the phrase Fragile Five for all of us. What was the level of fragility? From the bottom, you were within the first five," she said.

"After all, you [UPA] inherited a very good economy from the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government. And maybe in your first five years, you tried benefiting the people with that good economy. But subsequently, and unfortunately, after the global financial crisis, it was thorough mismanagement," the Minister said.

'Record for posterity'

Stressing that the White Paper was being brought out now "after 10 years of toiling to bring the economy back on track", Ms. Sitharaman said it would serve as a record for posterity, when the intent was not good and transparency was not there in the economy.

"We need to have clean and accountable governance, not governance through extra-constitutional bodies," she remarked.

Issue of black money

She reminded the House that the first Cabinet decisions under Mr. Modi were the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to remove black money and the Expenditure Reforms Commission under Bimal Jalan "so that profligate expenditure of the earlier government could be rationalised".

Referring to the former PM, Ms. Sitharaman said that the "promised reforms of 1991 were not complete" and "when there was an opportunity again between 2004 and 2014, no reforms" were undertaken. "It is one thing to continuously tell us what have you done... What have you done on the two-track approach, which is required for the train to go forward, one to remove the malpractices' impact on the economy and to not only carry forward those pending reforms, which have been waiting from 1991, but also even further to take the economy forward. So, that is the track which we laid for ourselves," she said.

Dismissing Congress MP K.C. Venugopal's charge that the demonetisation of high-value currency notes in late 2016 had wiped out India's micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME), the Minister said as many as 3.16 crore MSMEs were registered on the Udyam platform as of December 4, 2023, and urged the Opposition to do "some more homework".

White Paper is hiding dark truths, says Congress leader

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

K.C. Venugopal

The White Paper brought out by the Narendra Modi government on the state of economy under the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) hides "dark truths" like the impact of demonetisation on micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) and the alarming unemployment rates during Mr. Modi's tenure, Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal said on Saturday.

He was speaking during a short discussion on the subject in the Rajya Sabha. The Congress leader averred that when the Finance Ministry was producing a White Paper it should have included the impact of demonetisation. He said, "There is no word on it."

"The stated motive behind demonetisation was to bring back black money. Why haven't you given an account of the black money retrieved?" he asked.

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Mr. Venugopal said, had noted after demonetisation that it was a "legalised loot and organised plunder" and predicted that it would reduce GDP growth by 2%.

His prediction had come true, Mr. Venugopal said, adding, "What is the situation of MSMEs? They are finished. And because of the MSMEs' closure, the unemployment rates are skyrocketing. The unemployment rate during the UPA years fell from 8.4% in 2004-05 to 5.6% in 2011-12, while in October 2023 it was 10.05%."

"This is actually not a White Paper, this is a paper hiding the dark truths of this country," he said.

He claimed that during the UPA period, they had done a better job in managing deficits.

"The poor are becoming poorer and the rich are becoming richer. The gap between the rich and the poor is rising. You said India's average per capita has gone from $4,000 to $6,000. You are cleverly using the word "average per capita GDP". Per capita GDP will increase in a developing country like India, but the annual average per capita GDP growth fell from 5.9% in Manmohan Singh tenure to 3.8% under Modi tenure," he claimed.

Targeting election

Taking part in the discussion, Fauzia Khan of the Nationalist Congress Party said, "More than calling it a White Paper on the Indian economy, I would call it a White Paper on the upcoming election."

She said the paper was silent on the rise in corruption in the country.

Trinamool Congress MP Saket Gokhale said that the White Paper was "magical" since it did not mention any of the glaring failures of the Modi government.

'A period of reform, perform, transform'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the five-year tenure of the 17th Lok Sabha was a "period of reform, perform, and transform" that propelled the country towards big changes.

"The country has moved towards big changes at a fast pace and all members of the House made an important contribution. Such works were completed for which people had waited for centuries," Mr. Modi said in his valedictory speech.

He added that the country "will bless the 17th Lok Sabha".

This was the last session of the Lok Sabha before the general election, which too was touched upon by Mr. Modi. He said that it might make a few nervous but it was an essential aspect of democracy and "we will accept proudly".

He referred to the resolution on the Ram Temple in Ayodhya passed by the Lok Sabha, stating that the move would give "constitutional power to the generations to come to be proud of our values".

He added that "for generations, people had dreamt of one Constitution, but this House made that possible by removing Article 370".

The Prime Minister thanked MPs and Speaker Om Birla.

"You [Mr. Birla] always had a smile on your face no matter what happens. You led this House in an impartial manner and I laud you for it. There were times of anger and accusations, but you handled these situations with patience and ran the House wisely," Mr. Modi said.

'Biggest crisis'

Referring to the pandemic, Mr. Modi said that during the past five years, the "biggest crisis of the century" was seen, and Mr. Birla made arrangements so that parliamentary work was not hampered while ensuring the dignity of the House.

"There used to be talk of the need for having a new building in earlier times but the decision of the Speaker made this a reality during the 17th Lok Sabha," he said, adding that the ceremonial installation of the "*Sengol*" (sceptre) in the House was also made under Mr. Birla's leadership.

He said the 17th Lok Sabha saw 97% productivity. "We are moving towards the end of the 17th Lok Sabha and we resolve that the productivity should go beyond 100% in the 18th Lok Sabha," Mr. Modi said.

He also hailed the passage of the women's reservation Bill and the criminalisation of instant triple talaq.

Marginalised groups left out: Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Leading the Opposition's charge in Parliament during the discussion on the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, the Congress on Saturday said that although Lord Ram had led an army of the backward and downtrodden, it needed to be introspected whether they, who had been historically excluded, were happy now.

The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) did not participate in the discussion and staged walkouts in both Houses after an adjournment motion initiated by it to discuss the arrest of 88 fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy was rejected.

"We are seeing a steady rise in crimes against Scheduled Castes in India. The people from the marginalised classes are witnessing the injustice happening with them everywhere," Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi, said.

He said that "Ma Sita's" patience and power was revered by everyone.

"However, is this the experience of Unnao's daughter [a reference to the case involving the gang-rape of a Dalit minor], when she was powerless and alone? Was this the experience of women wrestlers who were fighting for their rights and dignity [a reference to their protest against sexual harassment]?" he asked.

Mr. Gogoi said that out of desperation, youth were falling prey to drugs and crime. They were being discriminated against everywhere, he said.

"Hence, they are resorting to leaving the country in search of opportunities and dignity," he added.

"Ram is in our minds and hearts," Mr. Gogoi said. "Jai Shri Ram should be uttered with faith and love. Yet, every time the members of the ruling government say it, it's full of hate."

Intervening in the debate on the same subject in the Rajya Sabha, Congress general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala said hatred was being spread in the name of Ram, who is a symbol for love and affection.

Threat to Muslims

Participating in the discussion in the Lok Sabha, All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi questioned whether the Modi government was only for "Hindutva", and said that the 17 crore Muslims of India were feeling alienated.

He said the government, through its actions, was sending a message to Muslims on whether they wanted to save their life or pursue justice.

Shiv Sena (Uddhav) MP Arvind Sawant said that it was Balasaheb Thackeray who had first coined the Hindutva slogan, and it was after this that the BJP had realised its importance.

The Left parties staged a walkout from the Rajya Sabha, while the DMK, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), and Trinamool Congress were absent during the short debate on the Ram Mandir.

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INBRIEF

Uttarakhand govt. sets up panel to draft UCC rules

The Uttarakhand government on Saturday constituted a nine-member committee to prepare the draft rules for the Uniform Civil Code (UCC). The UCC Bill was passed by the Assembly on February 7. The committee will be headed by retired IAS officer Shatrughan Singh. Additional Secretary (Justice) Sudhir Singh, Inspector General of Police Training Barinderjit Singh, Doon University Vice-Chancellor Surekha Dangwal, and social worker Manu Gaur are among the members of the committee. The Bill will now be sent to the President for approval.

Kamal Nath meets Sonia, eyes Rajya Sabha seat from M.P.

Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister and Congress veteran Kamal Nath met senior leader Sonia Gandhi in New Delhi on Friday ahead of the Rajya Sabha elections on February 27 in which five seats from the State will be up for grabs. The Congress, which has 66 MLAs in the State Assembly, has sufficient numbers for one seat. Even though there was no official word on the meeting, Congress insiders in Delhi and Bhopal told *The Hindu* that Mr. Nath is eyeing a place in the Upper House of Parliament and held discussions with Ms. Gandhi regarding the same.

PM to inaugurate Hindu temple in UAE next week

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate a major Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi during his upcoming two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates next week, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Saturday. Apart from participating in rituals at the new BAPS Hindu Mandir, Mr. Modi will also hold talks with the leadership of the UAE during his visit on February 13 and 14. The work for the structure has been going on since 2019 and the expansive 27-acre land was donated by the UAE government.

Jarange-Patil on fresh hunger strike over Maratha quota

Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange-Patil on Saturday launched yet another indefinite hunger strike at his village of Antarwali-Sarathi in Jalna district, accusing the ruling Eknath Shinde-led government of not fulfilling promises pertaining to reservation for the Maratha community. The latest hunger strike - Mr. Jarange-Patil's third - pertains specifically to the activist's demand that the government make good its promise of granting Other Backward Class (OBC) Kunbi caste certificates to blood relatives of Marathas whose records proved them to be Kunbis.

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'Heritage spaces in Lucknow not being maintained properly'

Heritage enthusiasts in Uttar Pradesh lament condition of monuments in State capital even as the High Court directs the administration to remove encroachments from protected sites; officials say legal action is being taken to clear encroachers

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Syed Mohammad Haider Rizvi, 50, believes heritage sites are a collective legacy.

A lawyer and heritage enthusiast, Mr. Rizvi was jubilant when the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court on February 7 once again directed authorities to convene a meeting of the committee constituted in 2013 by the High Court, to identify and take action against encroachments in monuments in Lucknow.

"The court had asked the authorities to remove encroachments from Centrally protected heritage sites, but the administration did little," said Mr. Rizvi. The committee has met only 13 times over the past decade.

Need for attention: Heritage lovers say authorities in both the Centre and U.P. have failed to take concrete steps to remove encroachments. A view of Rumi Darwaza in Lucknow. SANDEEP SAXENA

60 monuments

Up to 60 protected monuments in Lucknow have been declared to be of national importance under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Mr. Rizvi said that most of these structures, built during the Nawab era (17th to 19th centuries), have been encroached upon in the last few decades.

Authorities, both Central and State, had failed to take any concrete step to remove intrusions, he alleged. "Despite numerous petitions and public interest litigation pleas, encroachment still exists at Chattar Manzil, the Kazmain buildings, Rumi Darwaza, Bada Imambara, Chota Imambara, among others heritage sites," said Mr. Rizvi.

However, ASI's Superintending Archaeologist in Lucknow, Aftab Hussain, said: "We issue notice to encroachers and approach the local administration for taking legal action wherever information of encroachment is found correct. We have issued notices to more than 1,100 people in Lucknow alone, and many encroachments have been removed."

The ground reality is different. Lucknow's iconic Bada Imambara, constructed in the late 18th century, has people living within the complex. Declared a protected monument by the ASI in 1920, it also houses a large Asfi mosque and a *bhul-bhulaiya* (labyrinth). It was built during a devastating famine, by Awadh Nawab Asaf-ud-Daula, who aimed at providing employment to people reeling under poverty and hunger at the time.

The Union Ministry of Culture did a recent assessment of the Kazmain buildings, built mirroring a similar structure in Iraq, considered sacred to Shia Muslims. "The monument shows signs of rising dampness in the external façade on all sides along the plinth level," reads the report published in October 2023. It goes to on to note "structural cracks at the lintel level", "water seepage...at the ceiling which further led to deterioration of wooden roof structural members", and "missing copper panels [from the dome]".

The *kothi* (large house) at Bibyapur on the banks of the Gomti river, now in disarray, was built by Asaf-ud-Daula, the Nawab of Awadh, in the late 18th century.

Designed in the neoclassical style by Antoine Polier, who was intermittently a part of the British and Nawab's army, the residence was used as a country retreat for the Nawab.

So far, U.P.'s heritage zones are governed by rules monitored by the local development authorities. "In Lucknow, three heritage zones have been defined by the Lucknow Development Authority: Husainabad Zone, Kaisarbagh Zone, and Lamartiniere Zone," said Indu Prakash, a trained archaeologist who worked with the ASI for more than 35 years.

Mr. Rizvi and other heritage enthusiasts feel rules are not enough. "Heritage by-laws are needed. These will act as a catalyst in preserving these monuments," he said.

Navy chief inaugurates new defence systems

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chief of Naval Staff Admiral R. Hari Kumar inaugurated a Precision Approach Radar (PAR) at *INS Utkrosh* in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which will enable "highly accurate horizontal and vertical guidance to land an aircraft safely in low visibility conditions, such as heavy rain and fog". He also inaugurated the IUHDSS (Integrated Underwater Harbour Defence and Surveillance System) at Naval Jetty, Port Blair, the Navy said.

"The IUHDSS is capable of detecting, identifying & tracking surface and under water targets in vicinity of naval jetty thereby enhancing security of Port Blair harbour," the Navy said in a statement.

Adm. Kumar, accompanied by Kala Hari Kumar, President Navy Welfare and Wellness Association, visited Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), the country's sole operational tri-service command, from February 6 to 9. In addition to visiting the headquarters, the CNS also visited Vijay Baugh and laid the foundation stone for a sailors' accommodation.

During his visit, Adm. Kumar also interacted with personnel posted in various units across the Command.

Federalism under attack, say speakers at democracy meet

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Academics and retired bureaucrats on Saturday deliberated on a range of issues related to federalism and the safeguard of constitutional rights and institutions, on the first day of the two-day Democracy Convention 2024.

The 'Federal Contract' group presented its views on "Federalism, Equality of States, and State Rights", stating that measures like "one nation, one election" undermined India's federal structure and conflated the different priorities voters had for national, State, and Panchayati Raj institutions, degrading each one's different sphere of responsibility.

Zoya Hasan, Professor Emerita, Centre for Political Studies (SPS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), and currently Distinguished Professor, Council for Social Development, said over the past few years, policy measures were being increasingly announced without consulting States and parties. She said investigating agencies were being used actively to weaken State governments and Opposition parties. The office of the Governor had also been misused to weaken the State governments ruled by non-BJP parties.

Professor Hasan also highlighted the issues of the downgrading of Jammu and Kashmir into a Union Territory, "inadequate" tax devolution to States, and "centralisation" of resources by the Centre. "The effort clearly seems to be one of undermining, by the use of economic/fiscal lever, the non-BJP-led governments to win legitimacy with voters at the State and Central level," she said.

Balveer Arora, former Professor of CPS and former Rector and Pro-V-C of JNU, said nine years ago, he had penned an assessment of the first year of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Union government. It was titled "The distant goal of cooperative federalism". "...Today, I would say that it is not just a distant dream, it is an impossible dream..," he said.

Historian Romila Thapar, writer Githa Hariharan, and professor Apoorvanand at the event. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

He advocated restoration of "asymmetric federalism", saying that there was a need to defend against the dangers of "differential and selective centralisation", and "unconstitutional concept of double-engine *sarkar*" as it also implied the Centre's check on States.

CPS Professor Vidhu Verma said in the past few months, the Centre had taken "unprecedented steps to tighten its control over States, which would have been unimaginable to the framers of the Constitution". Pointing out that some States had raised the issue of "discrimination and economic injustice" meted out to them, she said there was a lot of resentment and frustration as they were not being heard. On the delimitation aspect, she said States like Kerala and Tamil Nadu would be punished for curbing population growth more effectively than those with huge population growth in the north, as it would have a bearing on the composition of the Lok Sabha.

CSIR NAL flies test-drone that can double up as 'pseudo satellite'

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Scientists at the CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) successfully tested an unmanned aerial vehicle, called High Altitude Pseudo Satellite (HAPS), at Challakere, Karnataka earlier this month.

HAPs are like drones, except that they are expected to be in the stratosphere – well above where commercial planes fly – and can be powered enough by solar cells and a battery-system to be able to hover for days on end.

Variety of applications

A fully working HAPS can be used for a variety of applications, from surveillance to beaming 5G waves.

They can double up as "towers in the sky" and have more flexibility than satellites, in being able to map a piece of land from above.

The NAL system is currently far from these goals.

The unmanned aerial vehicle developed by NAL. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The HAPS that was flown this month is a scaled-down HAPS. The 5-metre-long system, with a wingspan of 11 metres and weighing 23 kg, rose to about 3 km and stayed put for about eight hours. This prototype, scientists associated with the project told *The Hindu*, "met or exceeded all the performance metrics set out for it".

However, a series of tests have been planned and they are expected to culminate in a full-bodied craft – with a wingspan of 30 m (nearly as much as a Boeing 737) – by 2027.

It will be able to rise to 23 km and stay airborne for at least 90 days. "There are very few proven systems anywhere in the world that can do this and given the variety of potential applications, India ought to be able to have such capabilities of its own," said Abhay Pashilkar, Director, CSIR-NAL.

'Engineering prowess'

While HAPS may look elementary, it requires a fair bit of engineering prowess.

They are unmanned and must fly days and nights on end, meaning they need solar-powered batteries – and not jet fuel – capable of lifting the airframe up to the stratosphere (which extends from 20-50 km above the earth's surface). This ascent into the sky is challenging, given the air turbulence in the atmosphere, and the fact that these are relatively light planes.

"The weight of the airframe is only 8 kg but the entire system's weight is nearly 23 kg. Most of the weight is of the batteries," said Dr. Pashilkar.

Unlike the familiar solar panels on rooftops, those used to power the plane are extremely thin solar films.

"There are only one or two companies in the world capable of making solar-cell films that thin," said L. Venkatakrishnan, Chief Scientist and Head, NAL, and in-charge of the HAPS programme.

"It's like the Hero Honda of the skies. Our test this month gave us the information required to design a bigger system, particularly on how can we ensure that the drone remains balanced given the forces it will be subject to," he told *The Hindu*.

CSIR-NAL aims to design and build the HAPS' propellers, battery management system, carbon-composite airframe, flight-control system, and the high-powered electric motors that can withstand extreme temperature ranges.

Clampdown in Sandeshkhali; Trinamool suspends leader

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

BJP MLAs led by Suvendu Adhikari march to Raj Bhavan seeking Governor's intervention

Amid unrest at Sandeshkhali in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas, the district administration on Saturday imposed prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the Cr.PC in certain gram panchayats. The police said more than four people should not assemble in public in that area. Internet services have been suspended.

While there were no reports of fresh violence on Saturday, political temperatures soared over the developments in Sandeshkhali. The area has been on the boil for almost a month now, after a team of Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials was attacked allegedly by supporters of Trinamool Congress leader Sheikh Shahjahan during a search on his premises.

The BJP legislators led by Opposition leader Suvendu Adhikari marched to the Raj Bhavan and sought Governor C.V. Ananda Bose's intervention in the issue. They demanded that the Governor visit Sandeshkhali immediately after his return from Kerala. "BJP MLAs will visit Sandeshkhali on Monday to meet villagers," he said on social media.

Earlier this week, villagers held protests against Trinamool leaders Mr. Shahjahan, Shiboprasad Hazra, and Uttam Sardar after they reportedly failed to pay the agreed amount to farmers for taking over their agricultural land for prawn cultivation.

Trying to salvage the situation, the Trinamool leadership suspended Mr. Sardar for six years.

Another FIR lodged against journalist

The Hindu Bureau
PUNE

A second FIR has been lodged against senior journalist Nikhil Wagle for allegedly disobeying the notice issued by the Pune City Police to him and the organisers of a programme held on the Rashtra Seva Dal premises, the police said on Saturday.

The same FIR also charged BJP Pune unit chief Dhiraj Ghate, BJP workers, and leaders of other parties with illegally gathering at the venue of 'Nirbhay Bano' programme where Mr. Wagle was a speaker.

HARRISBURG

Trump promises to undo Biden's gun restrictions if re-elected

AP

Former President Donald Trump, the Republican frontrunner in the 2024 presidential race, while speaking to supporters at an event organised by the National Rifle Association, promised to rescind a rule curbing sales of gun accessories known as pistol braces and other regulations put in place by the Biden administration. REUTERS

KHARKIV

Russian attack on Ukraine's city of Kharkiv sparks 'river of fire', kills 7

REUTERS

An overnight Russian drone attack on a petrol station in Ukraine's second city Kharkiv killed seven persons, including three children, local authorities said on Saturday. Fuel from the petrol station quickly spread through the neighbouring street forming a 'river of fire', while burning some residents alive and injuring others. AFP

YANGON

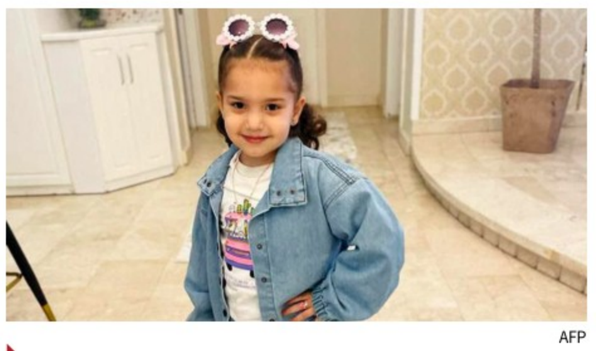
Myanmar junta enforces military service law after battlefield losses

AFP

Myanmar's junta is enforcing a law allowing the military to summon all men aged 18-35 and women aged 18-27 to serve for at least two years, it said on Saturday, as it struggles to crush opposition to its 2021 coup. The law was authored by a previous junta in 2010 but was never brought into force. AFP

GAZA STRIP

Six-year-old Gaza girl found dead days after pleading for help



AFP

The body of six-year-old Hind Rajab, who pleaded to be rescued after her family's car came under fire in war-ravaged Gaza City, was found on Saturday two weeks after she made the first distress call. The highly publicised case comes as aid agencies warn that children and families are bearing the brunt of Israel's war with Hamas. AFP

'India, Maldives will sort issues bilaterally'

President Wickremesinghe says he discussed India-Sri Lanka economic and connectivity initiatives with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar at the Indian Ocean Conference; New Delhi and Canberra raise concerns about the presence of foreign research vessels in the Indian Ocean Region

Suhasini Haidar
PERTH

India and the Maldives would resolve the issues between them "bilaterally", Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe said, emphasising that while Maldives has allowed a Chinese 'research' ship into the Male harbour, no Chinese troops had been allowed in.

Speaking to *The Hindu* on the sidelines of the Indian Ocean Conference, Mr. Wickremesinghe also confirmed Sri Lanka's decision to join the 15-nation ASEAN-led Regional Comprehensive Economic Cooperation (RCEP) agreement that includes China in the free trade zone, a grouping India walked out of in 2019.

Team work: S. Jaishankar, Ranil Wickremesinghe, Penny Wong and Vivian Balakrishnan at the 7th IOC in Perth on Friday. PTI

The Sri Lankan President said he had discussed India-Sri Lanka economic and connectivity initiatives with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, who called on him on Friday evening here, and both sides completed a review of pending programmes as well as Sri Lanka's economic recovery process.

Explaining his decision to apply for RCEP membership, Mr. Wickremesinghe said that Sri Lanka needed to access as many markets as possible.

"India has a vast internal market, but if Sri Lanka has to grow, it has to reach as many external markets as possible. We already have our relationship with India that helps us economically as well as the 1998 free trade agreement," Mr. Wickremesinghe said, describing the RCEP as an opportunity to have the "best of two worlds". Asked whether the economic recovery would enable elections in the country, Mr. Wickremesinghe confirmed that Sri Lankan Presidential elections would be held in 2024 itself, while parliamentary elections would be held soon after them.

No mediation

He said neither Delhi nor Male had approached Sri Lanka to mediate between them, as tensions have grown over the return of Indian troops, entry of Chinese vessels, and critical comments made by Maldivian Ministers. Sri Lanka hopes the issues would subside "soon" in the interest of the Indian Ocean Region.

"As a friend and a neighbour, we would like to see them [India and Maldives] sort out their issues soon. I would say, Maldives itself has an [internal] process and the two sides are talking. There is a new government there and I think everyone must give these issues time to be sorted out," Mr. Wickremesinghe said. The presence of foreign research vessels in the Indian Ocean Region has been a prominent concern at the conference, where Dr. Jaishankar referred to "growing anxieties" over "dual purpose agendas" and Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong spoke about China's "rapid military build-up" in the Indo-Pacific.

Mr. Wickremesinghe did not respond to a question about whether pressure from India had led to Sri Lanka's one year moratorium on foreign research ships docking in Sri Lankan ports. However, he clarified that regular port calls for fuel and food replenishment as well as naval exercises would continue as normal, including from China. This month, the Lankan Navy accorded India's *INS Karanj* a ceremonial welcome at the Colombo port as a part of such exchanges.

The Sri Lankan President's words came even as the Maldives indicated that it has reached an agreement with India on the issue of the Indian troops stationed on southern atolls.

(The Hindu correspondent was an invitee to the Indian Ocean Conference)

'Israel's plan for Rafah may lead to tens of thousands of deaths'

Agence France-Presse
GAZA STRIP

Israeli bombardment killed at least 110 people overnight, including 25 in Rafah, say officials

Gaza's Hamas rulers warned on Saturday that Israel's planned Army operation in overcrowded Rafah could cause "tens of thousands" of casualties in the city that has become the last refuge for displaced Palestinians.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ordered the Army to set its sights on Rafah, telling military and security officials late Friday to "submit to the Cabinet a combined plan for evacuating the population and destroying the battalions" of Hamas in the southern city.

Hamas said any military action would have catastrophic repercussion that "may lead to tens of thousands of martyrs and injured if Rafah... is invaded".

Mr. Netanyahu's announcement, coming only hours after U.S. President Joe Biden issued his strongest criticism of Israel's response to the October 7 attack, sparked concern among world leaders and the United Nations. Along with the U.S., Jordan, Spain, Germany and Saudi Arabia had issued a warning against the operation.

Witnesses reported new strikes on Rafah on Saturday. The Health Ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said Israeli bombardment killed at least 110 people overnight, including 25 in Rafah.

Indonesia witnesses final leg of rallies ahead of polls

Reuters
JAKARTA

Tens of thousands of supporters of Indonesia's presidential contenders packed final rallies in the capital Jakarta and the Central Java city of Solo on Saturday, as campaigning draws to a close ahead of the world's biggest single-day election.

Candidates will enter a cooling off period from Sunday to election day on Wednesday, where three contestants are running to succeed the hugely popular President Joko Widodo, who has led Indonesia for a decade and cannot run again.

The contenders to lead the world's third-largest democracy are popular former Governors Ganjar Pranowo and Anies Baswedan, and ex-special forces commander Prabowo Subianto, who has soared in opinion polls with the tacit backing of the President.

At stake is the leadership for the next five years of a mineral-rich Group of 20 economy of 270 million people.

Imran Khan gets bail in cases of attack on military installations

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

An anti-terrorism court in Pakistan on Saturday granted bail to the country's jailed former Premier Imran Khan in 12 cases linked to the May 9 attacks on military installations by his supporters following his arrest in an alleged corruption case.

ATC Judge Malik Ejaz Asif granted bail to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party founder Mr. Khan after fulfilling a surety bond of (Pakistan) Rs 0.1 million in all 12 cases, including the General Headquarters (Pakistan Army) and Army Museum attack.

The court said there was no justification to keep Mr. Khan, 71, under arrest as all accused in May 9 cases were on bail.

Mr. Khan will remain in jail as he is convicted in many other cases.

Former Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi was also granted bail in 13 cases in the same case.

Mr. Qureshi, who is also in prison facing charges in other cases, will not be released either.

Governor's invite

Meanwhile, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan claimed that President Arif Alvi would invite his party to form the government as they had secured a majority in the National Assembly.

Act first, report later, S. Korea tells Marines

Agence France-Presse
SEOUL

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol told his Marine Corps on Saturday to "act first, report later" if provoked, following an escalation of threats from North Korea.

Nuclear-armed North Korea has this year declared South Korea its "principal enemy".

Kim's threats

Leader Kim Jong-un repeated on Friday that Pyongyang would not hesitate to "put an end" to South Korea if attacked.

The hawkish Mr. Yoon has bolstered defence cooperation with the U.S. and Japan since coming to office in 2022, including expanding joint drills, to counter Pyongyang's threats. "If the enemy provokes us, adhere to the principle of 'act first, report later' and respond decisively and overwhelmingly without hesitation to completely shatter the enemy's will," Mr. Yoon said.

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Sl.	Tendering Authority & Bid Submission Portal	Subject of Request for Proposal (RfP), EMD and Bid Due Date (BDD) and time
1.	Administrative Officer, NRT Welfare Board www.tenders.tn.gov.in	RFP for Establishment of a Project Management Unit (PMU) to support the Non-Resident Tamils (NRT) Welfare Department to implement initiatives for NRTs. Bid Due Date & Time: 22nd February 2024, 2 pm EMD is Rs. ₹ 1,00,000.

All subsequent communications will be available at the site mentioned above. The RfP notifications will also be available at **www.tenders.tn.gov.in**. RfPs can be downloaded till BDD and will be opened on the portal **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** on the respective BDD.

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BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Central Offices, Mechanical Engg., Dept., K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027 Tele No: 080-22537519

TENDER No.: BMTC/2023-24/SE0217/CALL-2 Dated: 10/02/2024

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Through e-procurement mode only)

(1) BMTC invites tender through E-Procurement Portal for Selection of Service Provider for Procurement, Operation and Maintenance of 120 Nos.900mm floor height, 9 mtr City type Non AC Electric Buses on Gross Cost Contract (GCC) Model.

(2) Last date for bid submission in e-procurement portal on 19/2/2024 @ 14:30 Hours.

Further, any addendum/corrigendum in respect of changes in calendar of events, scope, other tender terms & conditions etc., will be uploaded/Published through e-portal only.

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DIPR/CP/3518/AKAR/2023-24

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
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E-Mail:cceabp@gmail.com/loabpbbsr@gmail.com

E-procurement Notice No. CCEABP- 11 of 2023-24 (Bid Id No. ABP-MCD-01/11 of 2023-24)
DETAILED NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of Work	Class/EMD/Tender Fee/Period of Completion
Construction of Distribution system for 10671 Ha. of CCA including. Command Area Development (CAD) of Salandi Left Main Canal from RD 30.547 km to 45.570 km through Under Ground Pipe Line Irrigation system (Gravity Flow) of Anandapur Barrage Project in Balasore District of Odisha on EPC-Turn Key Basis including operation and maintenance of the commissioned project.	(1) Class of Contractor - Super Class or Equivalent Grade Bidders (2) EMD : Rs 263.00 lakh. (3) Tender Fee: Rs.10,000.00. (4) Period of completion:- 30 (Thirty) calendar months including rainy seasons.

A. Period of Availability of Bid Document in the Portal : From 10.00 AM of 13.02.2024 to 06.03.2024 up to 5.00 PM
B. Date & time For Pre-Bid Conference : 22.02.2024 at 11.30 AM
C. Last Date and Time for Receipt of Bid : 06.03.2024 up to 5.00 PM.
D. Place of Sale & Receipt of Bid : On-Line through e-Procurement.
E. Time and Date of Opening of Technical Bid : 07.03.2024 at 11.30 AM.
F. Place of Opening of Bid : O/o the Chief Construction Engineer, Anandapur Barrage Project, Salapada.
G. Further details can be seen from E-Procurement Portal "https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in"

Chief Construction Engineer, Anandpur Barrage Project, Salapada
A-1480: OIPR-32180/11/0012/2324

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'e' Procurement Notice No.CEMKS 21 OF 2023-24

1. Name of the Work : **Construction of a Creek Irrigation Project over Hansua near village Govindpur (Panchupalli) in Ersama Block of Jagatsinghpur District.**
2. Amount put to Tender : **Rs.10,93,91,854.00**
3. Bid Document Cost : **Rs.10,000.00** (online)
4. E.M.D. : **Rs.10,94,000.00**
5. Class of Contractor : **"A" Class & "Special" Class**
6. Period of Completion : **18 Calendar months**
7. Other details are as follows.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)
Chief Engineer & BM, Mahanadi Kathajodi System, Bhubaneswar	CEMKS MSD 03 OF 2023-24	16.02.2024 10.00 hrs	01.03.2024 17.00 hrs	02.03.2024 11.00 hrs

8. e-mail Id : **celmbbbsr@yahoo.co.in**

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Probability of survival decreases with increased duration of CPR

The Hindu Bureau

A new study published in the journal *The BMJ Open* has found that a person's chance of surviving while receiving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for cardiac arrest in a hospital declines rapidly from 22% after one minute to less than 1% after 39 minutes. Similarly, the likelihood of leaving the hospital with no major brain damage declines from 15% after one minute of CPR to less than 1% after 32 minutes with no heartbeat. The researchers say the findings provide insights that may help guide hospital teams, patients and their families in deciding how long to continue resuscitation.

In-hospital cardiac arrest is a common and catastrophic medical emergency, with only around 25% of patients surviving to hospital discharge. Studies have shown that a longer resuscitation time for patients with in-hospital cardiac arrest is linked to lower odds of survival, but experts have been unable to make specific recommendations on when to stop resuscitation.

To address this knowledge gap, researchers measured the effect of CPR duration (in minutes) on outcomes for 348,996 U.S. adults (average age 67 years) who had an in-hospital cardiac arrest between 2000 and 2021. CPR was defined as the interval between the start of chest compression and the first return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) or termination of resuscitation. The main measures of interest were survival to hospital discharge and favourable functional outcome at hospital discharge, defined as a brain performance score of one (good cerebral performance) or two (moderate cerebral disability) on a five-point scale.

After accounting for potentially influential factors such as age, sex, ethnicity, and a range of pre-existing conditions, the results show that of the 348,996 patients, 233,551 (67%) achieved return of spontaneous circulation with an average CPR duration of seven minutes, whereas 115,445 (33%) did not achieve return of spontaneous circulation with an average CPR duration of 20 minutes. At one minute's CPR duration, the probabilities of survival and favourable functional outcome among patients were 22% and 15%, respectively.

But as duration of CPR increased, the probabilities of survival and favourable functional outcome decreased to less than 1% for survival at 39 minutes and less than 1% for favorable functional outcome at 32 minutes.

Transitioning to hyperlocal extreme weather forecasting

The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare have initiated the weather information network and data system (WINDS) to generate long-term, hyperlocal weather data

Ashish Agarwal

Weather forecasting plays a pivotal role in the country's functioning. Accurately predicting rain, cyclones, heatwaves and drought are critical to inform decision making on disaster management. In India the Indian Meteorology Department (IMD) is the principal government agency in all matters relating to meteorology and it specialises in the incredibly complex science of predicting weather patterns by observing, modelling and interpreting a multitude of variables.

Slips: Indian forecasts are not accurate especially during winter and summer monsoon

However, in tropical countries like India, weather variability is inherently higher. IMD's forecasts have improved vastly in the last few years as it has upgraded to technologies similar to the ones used by the U.S., the U.K. and Japan, which are known to produce accurate forecasts. Yet, there are still many days and geographies for which Indian forecasts go wrong, especially during winter and summer monsoon.

One of the major hurdles is the lack of weather monitoring ground stations. Currently, IMD operates around 800 automatic weather stations (AWS), 1,500 automatic rain gauges (ARG) and 37 doppler weather radars (DWR). This is against the total requirements of more than 3,00,000 ground stations (AWS/ARG) and around 70 DWRs. It's interesting to note that several Indian State governments and private companies operate a significant network of ground stations (more than 20,000), many of which are not currently used by IMD. The factors range from the inaccessibility of the data to their reliability.

Not modern

Currently, most of the prediction software used in forecasting are based on the global forecasting system and weather research and forecasting models, both of which are not the most modern. In contrast, with the government's focus on Make in India, its support to start-ups and the huge public and private investments in the sectors of agriculture and climate, many new age companies are switching to artificial intelligence/machine (AI/ML) learning for more predictions. At the same time though, these technologies are only as good and verifiable as the data they can access. Thus there is an urgent need for an integrated system to fill these data gaps.

A promising step forward was that recently, the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare have initiated the weather information network and data system (WINDS) to generate long-term, hyper-local weather data. The system will also promote the data for wider applications in agriculture and other sectors, it will help in creating a national-level data base, and it will assist in establishing the protocols required to access the country-wide data by the various public and private concerns. Under this programme, more than 200,000 ground stations (AWS and ARG) will be installed, which can help in enhancing weather data utilisation and thus in improving weather predictions and decision making.

In the last month large dense fog blanketed the NCR region, leading to near-zero visibility. This happens mainly because of the high particulate matter and smog in the atmosphere.

Fog can trap the pollutants close to the ground, leading to an increase in respiratory and other health-related issues. Another cause for worry is that in foggy conditions, some pollutants like nitrogen oxides can react with other compounds to form secondary pollutants, thus posing severe health risks, particularly to children and the elderly.

Air quality monitoring systems are currently very expensive and tend to be imported. Thanks to the Make in India initiatives, however, many Indian companies have started to manufacture low-cost and highly reliable sensor-based air quality monitoring systems. These are also easy to install and have low maintenance costs. Thus, it is now possible to install a large number of such instruments quickly, especially in urban areas. The IITs are helping as well as they have started centres of excellence in this domain, with a mission to establish a nation-wide network of affordable air quality sensors. An integrated AI/ML-based model with data from the new air quality and weather sensors will be a major step forward to accurately predict fog as it will help in timely decision making around transportation and the health-related impacts of air pollution.

With the recent advances India is therefore poised towards establishing a world class, robust air quality and weather information network.

Once seamless data sharing and systems integration is achieved, India will have access to a new information gateway and one that is critical to addressing our climate and environmental challenges.

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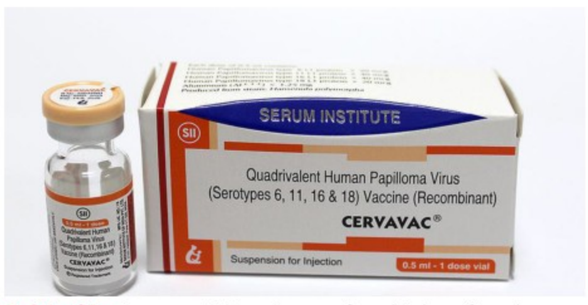
Serum's HPV vaccine non-inferior to Gardasil: study

R. Prasad

A phase-2/3 trial of Serum Institute of India's human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine Cervavac conducted at 12 tertiary care hospitals across India in girls and boys aged 9-14 years has found the vaccine to be safe and non-inferior to a comparator vaccine Gardasil manufactured by Merck. The Cervavac vaccine is a quadrivalent vaccine that targets four HPV subtypes – 6, 11, 16, and 18, and was compared with Gardasil vaccine which contains the same four HPV subtypes. The trial was carried out between September 2018 and February 2021. The results were published recently in the journal *The Lancet*.

The trial found that in adolescent girls and boys, two doses of the Serum's Cervavac vaccine generated nearly double the antibody response against HPV subtypes 16 and 18 compared with the response generated with Merck's Gardasil vaccine in young adult women; non-inferiority against HPV types 6 and 11 was also shown in the trial.

While Serum's Cervavac vaccine was administered to boys and girls aged 9-14 years in the intervention arm, the control arm had men and women aged 15-26 years who received the comparator vaccine Gardasil. The intervention arm had 738 girls and 369 boys and received two doses of the Cervavac vaccine, while the control arm had 819 women and 381 men and received three doses of the Gardasil vaccine. The geometric mean titre (GMT) of antibodies against HPV subtypes 6, 11, 16, and 18 generated by the Serum's Cervavac vaccine in girls and boys aged 9-14 years was compared with the geometric mean titre of antibodies generated by Gardasil vaccine in women aged 15-26 years.



Safety side: Cervavac HPV vaccine was found to be safe and non-inferior to Merk's Gardasil vaccine.

The effectiveness of the HPV vaccine is generally higher when given to boys and girls at a younger age. A study that compared the effectiveness of HPV vaccine in different age groups found that 17 studies showed the highest vaccine effectiveness in the youngest age group. It found that vaccine effectiveness estimates for younger adolescents aged 9-14 years ranged from 74-93% whereas in adolescents aged 15-18 years, the effectiveness ranged from 12-90%.

"We used immunobridging approach for licensure of Serum's vaccine. This is based on WHO's recommendations for the evaluation of HPV vaccines. Immune responses observed with the new vaccine are compared with those obtained in an efficacy proven population. For Gardasil, efficacy is proven in women aged 15-26 years. Therefore, we compared the immune response of our vaccine to the efficacy proven population – women of age 15-26 years. With this approach, efficacy of the licensed vaccine is bridged to the comparator vaccine," Dr Umesh Shaligram, Executive Director - R&D, Serum Institute and a co-author of the paper says in an email to *The Hindu*.

On why the Serum's Cervavac vaccine administered to boys and girls aged 9-14 is compared with Garasil given to women aged 15-26 years, Dr. Shaligram says: "For [recipients] aged 9-14 years, one has to immune bridge with the efficacy proven population. Therefore, immune responses in 9-14 girls and boys were compared with women aged 15-26 years receiving Gardasil as a primary endpoint, and this bridges efficacy to these age groups also. This is again in accordance with the WHO guidance. We have also compared [the antibody titres] in girls and boys aged 9-14 years who received Cervavac versus girls aged 9-14 years who were administered Gardasil, as a secondary endpoint."

Explaining further the reason why the immune responses in boys and girls in the 9-14 years age group (intervention arm) are compared with the immune responses in women aged 15-26 years, Dr. Shaligram says: "For HPV vaccines, the principal target group is young adolescents who have not yet become sexually active. Regulatory authorities agreed that it was not feasible to conduct efficacy trials in this young population due to constraints surrounding evaluation of genital sampling and requirement of a very long duration of follow-up." He further adds: "For the Gardasil vaccine too, for 9-14 years, efficacy was extrapolated based on immunobridging to 15-26 years age group. We have followed the same design as per the WHO guidance."

SNAPSHOTS

Pollinator-plant interactions disrupted by nitrate radicals

Air pollutants reduce nocturnal hawkmoth pollination of evening primrose flowers by altering the flowers' appealing scents, as per a study. The findings illustrate the impact of anthropogenic airborne pollutants on an animal's olfactory ability and suggest that such pollutants may limit global pollination. Human activities have altered the environment. Airborne pollutants, such as oxidants like ozone and nitrate radicals, are known to degrade the chemical compounds that produce floral scents.

Study shows magma flows into dike below Grindavík

The 15-km-long magma dike that formed beneath Grindavík, Iceland, in November 2023 reached an unprecedented subsurface magma flow rate of 7,400 cubic meters per second. The dike formation preceded the more recent Sundhnúkur eruptions in December 2023 and January 2024. The study shows how tectonic stress can drive magma flow into dikes with only modest overpressure in the feeding magma body. The measurement of such flow rates provides insight into the formation of major dikes.

Deep-earth hydrogen reservoir drives outgassing

Direct measurements from deep within the Bulqizë chromium mine in Albania have revealed large quantities of outgassing natural hydrogen, researchers report, suggesting the presence of a faulted reservoir of the gas deeply rooted in the surrounding ophiolite massif. The findings shed light on the geological contexts in which other natural hydrogen sources may be found. At least 200 tonnes of nearly pure hydrogen gas are released from the mine each year.

Question Corner

Ice-age

What likely caused the extreme ice-age more than 700 million years ago?

Australian geologists have used plate tectonic modelling to determine what most likely caused an extreme ice-age climate in Earth's history, more than 700 million years ago. The researchers have proposed that all-time low volcanic carbon dioxide emissions triggered the 57 million year-long global 'Sturtian' ice age. The extended ice age stretched from 717 to 660 million years ago, a period well before the dinosaurs and complex plant life on land existed. The team went back to a plate tectonic model that shows the evolution of continents and ocean basins at a time after the breakup of the ancient supercontinent Rodinia. They connected it to a computer model that calculates the carbon dioxide degassing of underwater volcanoes along mid-ocean ridges. The researchers found that the start of the Sturtian ice age precisely correlates with an all-time low in volcanic carbon dioxide emissions. In addition, the carbon dioxide outflux remained relatively low for the entire duration of the ice age.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

What are the changes in the new Water Act?

Will the amendments weaken the laws that protect rivers and water bodies from industrial pollution?

Jacob Koshy

The story so far:

The Lok Sabha this week passed the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 2024. The legislation, which was introduced and passed in the Rajya Sabha on February 5, makes important changes to the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

What is the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974?

This Act was the first piece of legislation in independent India that identified the need to have an institutional structure to address contamination of water bodies. This led to the creation, in September 1974, of the Central Pollution Control Boards (CPCB) and State Pollution Control Boards (SPCB) that were charged with monitoring and preventing public water resources from getting contaminated by sewage and industrial effluents. This Act made it mandatory for industrial units to get permission from their respective State boards before setting up factories and submitting themselves to checks on whether their manufacturing and other processes were complying with prescribed norms.

"The Parliament of India in its wisdom enacted the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act in 1974 with a view to maintaining and restoring wholesomeness of our water bodies. One of the mandates of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is to collect, collate and disseminate technical and statistical data relating to water pollution," the website of the CPCB notes. While the CPCB is empowered to conduct checks and provide guidance on technical standards to be adhered to, the SPCB files cases and is expected to enforce compliance. Violating the provisions of the Water Act can mean industries being shut down; monetary fines as well as imprisonment of up to six years. That said, there have been no instances of companies or people in India having been imprisoned due to environmental violations.

> A key change in the new Act is that it removes the provisions of imprisonment for several violations, deemed 'minor', and replaces them with fines, to the tune of ₹10,000 extending up to ₹15 lakh

What are the amendments?

Water is a State subject, and the Centre cannot directly pass legislative laws influencing water management. However, the Centre can create legislation, if two or more States demand it, and this can be made applicable by States over their territories if they adopt the legislation in their Assemblies. The amended version of the Act, passed by both Houses of Parliament, will currently apply to Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan and the Union territories. The original Act, passed in 1974, is applicable in 25 States. The most important change is that it removes the provisions of imprisonment for several violations, deemed "minor", and replaces them with fines, to the tune of ₹10,000 extending up to ₹15 lakh.

As per the original Act, the SPCB's permission is needed for establishing any industry or treatment plant, which could discharge sewage into a water body, sewer, or land. In the amendment, the Bill specifies that the Centre, "... in consultation with the CPCB, may exempt certain categories of industrial plants from obtaining such consent...."

However, operating or establishing an industrial unit without SPCB consent can still land you in jail for six years along with a fine.

The Bill also adds that the Centre may issue guidelines for the grant, refusal, or cancellation of consent granted by the SPCB. It also penalises tampering with monitoring devices used in determining whether any industry or treatment plant can be set up. The penalty will be between ₹10,000 and ₹15 lakh. The amended Act also empowers the Centre to frame rules to select the chairpersons of SPCBs and frame guidelines that States can follow on matters for establishing industries and new operating processes.

What has been the response?

Explaining the rationale behind the amendments, Environment Minister, Bhupendra Yadav, who steered the Bill, said outdated rules and regulations caused a "trust deficit." The imprisonment provisions for minor violations, which are simple infringements and did not lead to any injury to humans or damage to the environment, often caused "harassment" to businesses and citizens and was not in consonance with the spirit of "ease of living and ease of doing business," he added. In discussions on the Act in the Lok Sabha, Members of Opposition parties raised concerns that the amendments weakened the laws that protected rivers and water bodies from industrial pollution. They argued that the fear of imprisonment acted as an effective deterrent to industrial units that were lax with complying with strict regulations.

What does Uttarakhand's UCC entail?

How will the Uniform Civil Code Bill impact divorce, inheritance of property, and live-in relationships? What are the penalties if the new law is violated? Has any community been left outside its purview? Are other BJP-ruled States also considering formulating a UCC?

Aaratrika Bhaumik

The story so far:

On February 7, the Uttarakhand Assembly passed the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill, becoming the first legislature in independent India to pass a law that proposes common rules on marriage, divorce, inheritance of property, and live-in relationships for all citizens, irrespective of their religion. This stems from Article 44 of the Constitution (Directive Principles of State Policy) which although not enforceable, obligates the State to strive to implement such a uniform law. The Bill will now be sent to the President for her assent after which it will become a law.

Who is the Bill applicable to?

It applies to all residents of Uttarakhand except the tribal community which constitutes 2.9% of the State's population. The community has been averse to a UCC from the very beginning. Accordingly, Section 2 stipulates – "Nothing contained in this code shall apply to the members of any Scheduled Tribes within the meaning of clause (25) of Article 366 read with Article 142 of the Constitution of India and the persons and group of persons whose customary rights are protected under Part XXI of the Constitution of India."

How does it regulate live-in relationships?

The Bill imposes an obligation on all heterosexual couples (irrespective of whether they are residents of Uttarakhand or not) to register their live-in relationships by submitting a "statement" to the concerned Registrar. Even if such a relationship is terminated, the Registrar has to be kept informed. In case either of the partners is less than 21 years old, the declaration will also be sent to their parents or guardians.

> 'The mandatory registration of live-in relationships is in breach of the fundamental right to privacy'

Subsequently, the Registrar will conduct a "summary inquiry" to ensure that the relationship does not fall under any of the prohibited categories mentioned under Section 380 – if a partner is married or in another relationship, if he or she is a minor, and if his or her consent was obtained by "coercion, fraud or misrepresentation". The Registrar will then have to decide within 30 days. If the registration is refused, reasons have to be conveyed in writing.

Notably, a woman is eligible to claim maintenance in case she is "deserted" by her live-in partner.

In case a couple has spent a month without registering their live-in relationship, they can face a jail term of up to three months or a maximum fine of ₹10,000, or both. Any false statement by them will also attract the same jail term, but a higher fine amount of ₹25,000, or both. Upon being issued a notice, if they still do not register, they may face six months of imprisonment or a fine of ₹25,000 or both.

The Bill abolishes the concept of "illegitimate children" by extending legal recognition to children born in void and voidable marriages, as well as children born in live-in relationships.

Is bigamy or polygamy permitted?

One of the conditions stipulated under Section 4 for a valid marriage is that neither party should have "a spouse living at the time of the marriage" thus prohibiting practices such as bigamy or polygamy. The minimum age of marriage, however, will remain the same.

Do marriages have to be registered?

Marriages that occur after the enactment of the law have to be compulsorily registered within 60 days. This applies to marriages solemnised within the State or outside its territory, provided that at least one party to the marriage is a resident of Uttarakhand. Although non-registration of marriage will not invalidate it, parties can attract a penalty of up to ₹10,000. A three-month jail term and a fine of ₹25,000 will be also awarded in case false information is intentionally rendered during marriage registration.

Marriage ceremonies can be conducted in accordance with any religious and customary rites detailed under legislations such as The Anand Marriage Act, 1909, Arya Marriage Validation Act, 1937, and The Special Marriage Act, 1954, among others.

What about divorce proceedings?

No marriage can be dissolved without a court order or else it can attract imprisonment up to 3 years. Grounds for divorce also include religious conversion but not "irretrievable breakdown of marriage" despite the latter being recognised in several Supreme Court judgments.

Importantly, Section 28 prohibits the initiation of divorce proceedings unless one year has elapsed since the date of marriage. However, an exception can be made if the petitioner has suffered "exceptional hardship" or if the respondent has exhibited "exceptional depravity". Women can specifically seek a divorce in case the husband has been found guilty of rape or any kind of unnatural sexual offence or if he has more than one wife. Following a divorce, the custody of a child up to 5 years remains with the mother.

How are inheritance rights affected?

A distinct feature of the Bill is that it abolishes the coparcenary system governing ancestral property under the Hindu Succession Act, 1956. Thus, the same scheme of succession will now apply to both ancestral and self-acquired property for Hindus.

In the event of intestate succession, the Bill guarantees equal property rights for the spouse, children, and parents – a departure from existing personal laws that limit such rights. If there is no immediate family, the property will be equally divided among second-line relatives – first cousins from the paternal side. Others can also stake a claim if no eligible claimants are found.

Does the Bill criminalise Muslim personal law practices?

Existing Muslim personal law practices governing marriage and divorce such as *nikah halala*, *iddat*, and triple talaq have been criminalised without explicitly naming them. For instance, Section 30(1) stipulates that the right of a person to remarry the divorced spouse can only be exercised without any condition, such as marrying a third person before such a marriage. This therefore prohibits the practice of *nikah halala*.

Section 32 further provides that anyone who "compels, abets or induces" to observe any such condition before remarriage will be punished with imprisonment up to three years and also be liable to pay a fine of ₹1 lakh.

What do experts have to say?

"The mandatory registration of live-in relationships is intrusive and definitely in breach of the fundamental right to privacy as it forces you to submit yourself to the state on something as intimate as a personal relationship," says Alok Prasanna Kumar, Co-Founder and Lead at the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy in Bengaluru.

Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat have also appointed committees to initiate the formulation of a UCC. This, Mr. Kumar says, effectively defeats the purpose of Article 44 since the Constitution framers did not intend for every State to have its own different version of a UCC.

Towards uniformity: BJP supporters celebrate after Uttarakhand CM tables the UCC Bill in the State Assembly, in Dehradun, on February 7. ANI

How can child safety be ensured online?

What are the dangers and risks for children in the virtual space? What is the responsibility of tech companies? Should public pressure be stepped up to incorporate more safety aspects, especially for use by children? How can governments step in with regulatory frameworks?

Ramya Kannan

The story so far:

In early February, Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg provided a public apology to parents whose children were victims of online predators during a Congressional hearing, that could be described as hostile to not just Meta, but other tech majors including X, TikTok, Snapchat, and Discord. The Big Tech and the Online Child Sexual Exploitation Crisis hearing was reportedly called "to examine and investigate the plague of online child sexual exploitation" and all their executives were pinned on their abdication of responsibility to protect children on social media platforms.

What are the issues with children's safety online?

Tech majors are increasingly finding themselves in the midst of a maelstrom of protests across the world, not just over privacy concerns, but also with the security of users online. Across the world, parents and activists are aggressively advancing the agenda of having the tech companies take responsibility, or provide platforms that are 'safe by design' for children and young users.

A UNICEF report of last year, 'The Metaverse, Extended Reality and Children', attempted an analysis of how virtual environments may evolve and how they are likely to influence children and young adults. These technologies do offer many potential benefits for children, such as in the areas of education and health.

> 'All the rules that exist in the real world to protect children should also prevail online'

Are the risks significant?

The potential risks to children are significant, the report points out. "These include safety concerns such as exposure to graphic sexual content, bullying, sexual harassment and abuse, which in immersive virtual environments can feel more 'real' than on current platforms." Further, vast amounts of data, including about non-verbal behaviour are collected, potentially allowing a handful of large tech companies to facilitate hyper-personalised profiling, advertising and increased surveillance, impacting children's privacy, security, other rights and freedom.

While the complete immersion in an alternate reality which Metaverse promises is still not here, there are multiple virtual environments and games that are not fully immersive, and yet indicative of dangers in coping with that world. For instance, explains Sannuthi Suresh, programme co-ordinator, Tulir – Centre for the Prevention and Healing of Child Sexual Abuse, "in the hugely popular Grand Theft Auto, which does have adult and child versions, there is an instruction in the adult version to 'approach a prostitute and spank her many times'. Now, adolescents are likely to pick the adult version. What messages are we sending to children?" More recently, she adds, there were reports in the media about how children were using Artificial Intelligence to generate indecent child abuse images.

Then there is the mental health aspect, with children facing the prospect of trauma, soliciting and abuse online, which can leave deep psychological scars that impact lives in the real world too. Innocuous and innocent sharing of images online can also be twisted by depraved predators. End-to-end encryption is essential to protect the information that children share online, points out Ms. Suresh.

What about the reach of generative AI?

The Davos World Economic Forum in a paper last year explained that generative AI brings potential opportunities, such as homework assistance, easy-to-understand explanations of difficult concepts, and personalised learning experiences that can adapt to a child's learning style and speed. "Children can use AI to create art, compose music and write stories and software (with no or low coding skills), fostering creativity," it says. For children with disabilities, a world opens up as they can interface and co-create with digital systems in new ways through text, speech or images.

"But generative AI could also be used by bad actors or inadvertently cause harm or society-wide disruptions at the cost of children's prospects and well-being," the report records. Generative AI has been shown to instantly create text-based disinformation indistinguishable from, and more persuasive than, human-generated content. AI-generated images are sometimes indistinguishable from reality. Children are vulnerable to the risks of mis/disinformation as their cognitive capacities are still developing. There is also a debate about how interacting with chatbots that have a human-like tone will impact young minds.

What can be done to keep children safe online?

The primary responsibility is that of the tech companies who will have to incorporate 'safety by design', explains Ms. Suresh. The proceedings of the Congressional hearings have made it obvious that these companies are fully cognisant of the extent to which their apps and systems impact children negatively.

Drawing on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, UNICEF offers guidance that lists nine requirements for child-centred AI, including support for children's development and well-being, and protecting children's data and privacy. UNICEF recommends that tech companies apply the highest existing data protection standards to children's data in the metaverse and virtual environments.

In addition, governments have the burden of assessing and adjusting regulatory frameworks periodically to ensure that such technologies do not violate children's rights, and use their might to address harmful content and behaviour inimical to children online.

Ultimately, as Ms. Suresh points out, everyone must start from the assumption that all the rules that exist in the real world to protect children, should also prevail online.

Online shield: Innocuous and innocent sharing of images online can also be twisted by depraved predators. GETTY IMAGES

PROFILES

Fall of the 'Iron General'

Valerii Zaluzhnyi

The man who led Ukraine's resistance against Russia's invasion has been sacked by President Zelenskyy after the failed counteroffensive and growing rift between the two

Stanly Johny

When Valerii Zaluzhnyi was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Force of Ukraine in July 2021, there was uncertainty on whether the crisis in the eastern Donbas region, where a civil war was raging between Russia-backed separatists and Kyiv's troops, would escalate into a full-blown war. U.S. intelligence had warned Kyiv that the Russians were planning an invasion. Volodymyr Zelenskyy, the comedian-turned-politician who was elected President of Ukraine in April 2019, was sceptical. But Gen. Zaluzhnyi was not ready to take a chance. "There was the smell of war in the air," he recalled those days in an interview later. And his job was to prepare his troops, who lost Crimea in 2014 without even a fight, for the coming big war.

Seven months after Gen. Zaluzhnyi took over as the Commander-in-Chief, President Vladimir Putin of Russia launched his 'special military operation'. In the run-up to the war, many of its allies, including the U.S., thought that Ukraine's troops would fold before the mighty Russians, and relocated their embassies from Kyiv to the western city of Lviv, on the Polish border. But not Gen. Zaluzhnyi. "For me, the war started in 2014 (when Russia annexed Crimea). I did not run away then, I am not going to run away now," he told the Americans in February 2022. Russia made some territorial gains in the initial days of the war, but the Ukrainian defence did not crumble as many had expected.

Russian troops were stopped in Kharkiv, Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson. This allowed Ukraine's Western partners to reassess their strategies and start sending supplies to Ukrainian troops to counter-attack Russia. Gen. Zaluzhnyi's popularity rose. While Mr. Zelenskyy emerged as the face of Ukraine's war abroad, Gen. Zaluzhnyi became a national hero. 'The Iron General', memes celebrated his popularity on social networks. 'Ukraine could win this war,' wrote pundits. The President "allows his Generals to run the show without direct interferences into military business", a former Minister said, referring to the bonhomie between Mr. Zelenskyy and Gen. Zaluzhnyi. But none of these lasted long.

On February 8, weeks before the second anniversary of the Russian invasion, Mr. Zelenskyy sacked Gen. Zaluzhnyi as the Commander-in-Chief at a time when the Ukrainian forces were struggling to defend the frontline. The President had earlier asked the General to step down as part of an attempt to "reorganise" the armed forces, but the latter refused. Then came the dismissal. Col. Gen. Oleksandr Syrskiy is the new boss.

The rise

Born in 1973 into a military family in northern Ukraine, which was then part of the Soviet Union, Valerii Zaluzhnyi grew up during the Brezhnev era. He wanted to be a comedian, the profession Mr. Zelenskyy came from, but ended up joining the forces, following in the footsteps of his family members. He studied at the Institute of Land Forces of the Odesa Military Academy and the National Defence Academy in Kyiv. When the Russians took Crimea in 2014, Zaluzhnyi was a 41-year-old officer, who, like many other Ukrainian soldiers, felt humiliated and helpless by the loss of the Black Sea Peninsula. He was sent to the east to command units that were fighting the separatists and the "little green men", who were believed to have been dispatched by the Russians.

When Mr. Zelenskyy became President in 2019, the situation in the east had become worse. Parts of the Donbas region were now two self-proclaimed Republics. The Minsk II agreement required Kyiv to introduce structural and constitutional reforms to guarantee autonomy to the eastern Oblasts in return for peace. The Russian threat was looming.

Instead of implementing the Minsk agreements, Mr. Zelenskyy chose to deepen Ukraine's cooperation with the West and strengthen its armed forces. He wanted young blood for the latter. In 2021, he zeroed in on Gen. Zaluzhnyi. "He is a fair professional and a smart person," Andrii Yermak, head of the Office of the President of Ukraine, said about the selection of Gen. Zaluzhnyi. And Gen. Zaluzhnyi's job was to keep his troops ready. "Our task as the Armed Forces is not to wait for manna from heaven. We must prepare for this. And we do everything for this," he said.

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He reorganised the armed forces, strengthening the autonomy of mid-level officers so that battlefield decisions can be made quickly instead of waiting for orders from headquarters like the Soviet days. He conducted military exercises to keep the forces combat-ready. He deepened defence cooperation with the U.S., the U.K. and other NATO countries. For someone who has "read everything [Valery] Gerasimov ever wrote", the enemy is not a pushover. "I learnt the science of war from Gerasimov," he once said, referring to the Chief of the General Staff of Russia. And now, he was preparing to fight Gen. Gerasimov.

The war

His tactics were initially effective. Russian forces were stopped in the early stage of the invasion. Later in 2022, the Ukrainians mobilised troops in the south, triggering speculations that they were planning a counter-attack in Kherson. Then, they launched the attack in Kharkiv, in the northeast, recapturing swathes of territory. Before the Russians recovered from this setback, Ukraine launched another attack in the south, forcing the enemy to retreat from Kherson city to the east bank of the Dnieper River. That is when Gen. Zaluzhnyi peaked. "Zaluzhnyi has emerged as the military mind his country needed," General Mark Milley, the former Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff of the U.S., once said. "His leadership enabled the Ukrainian armed forces to adapt quickly with battlefield initiative against the Russians." But the Russians also learnt from their battlefield experiences and adapted to the new realities.

By the time Ukraine launched the much-anticipated counteroffensive in June 2023, the Russians were in a stronger position. Mr. Putin had already mobilised some 3,00,000 troops and changed his commander. Russia's military production had recovered from the early effects of the sanctions. They were ready to fight a long war, while Ukraine, which was almost entirely dependent on supplies from the West, wanted quick results.

The exit

The counteroffensive turned out to be counterproductive. Ukraine made no substantial territorial gains in months-long fighting, while they also suffered huge losses. In November 2023, Gen. Zaluzhnyi wrote an essay in *The Economist*, in which he said the war was entering "a new phase of static and attritional fighting, as in the First World War", which "will benefit Russia". He also asked Mr. Zelenskyy to mobilise 5,00,000 men for fighting. Reports started surfacing about the growing divide between the President and the Commander, which culminated in the latter's sacking.

"We will fight until the last drop of blood," Gen. Zaluzhnyi once said about the war. However, as the war is set to enter the third year, perhaps the most difficult phase for Ukraine with losses on the frontline, an enemy that is on the offensive and uncertainty about fresh aid from the U.S., the "Iron General" is no longer in the war.

THE GIST

- Born in 1973 into a military family in northern Ukraine, which was then part of the Soviet Union, Valerii Zaluzhnyi grew up during the Brezhnev era
- After the Russians took Crimea in 2014, he was sent to the east to command units that were fighting the Russia-backed separatists
- He rose to become the most popular General in Ukraine after Russia's initial advances were stalled, but following Ukraine's failed counteroffensive, differences emerged between him and Zelenskyy

A balancing act

Michelle O'Neill

The Sinn Fein leader, who has become the first nationalist First Minister of Northern Ireland, wants to address the region's bread and butter issues as well as push for Irish unification

Sriram Lakshman

Sheltered from the rain in a doorway in the heart of London's swish Green Park area, last Thursday, was a 47-year-old woman, who was waiting for her car to be brought around. In that moment, the woman, Michelle O'Neill, looked like just another Londoner trying to avoid the rain. She is anything but.

Just days earlier, on February 3, Ms. O'Neill had been appointed Northern Ireland's new First Minister – an Irish republican leading a U.K. region whose merger with the Republic of Ireland she hopes to usher in.

Ms. O'Neill was supposed to become the First Minister in 2022, after her party, Sinn Fein, beat the pro-U.K. Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) by a margin of two and won 27 seats. However, a constitutional arrangement, which mandates power-sharing between the largest unionist and republican parties, precluded her from doing so, after the DUP pulled out of the arrangement in 2020, angry over the post-Brexit arrangements for Northern Ireland.

The impasse was resolved following the British government's publication on January 31 of the Safeguarding the Union agreement. The DUP agreed to return to power-sharing and Ms. O'Neill was appointed First Minister, with the DUP's Emma Little-Pengelly as Deputy First Minister.

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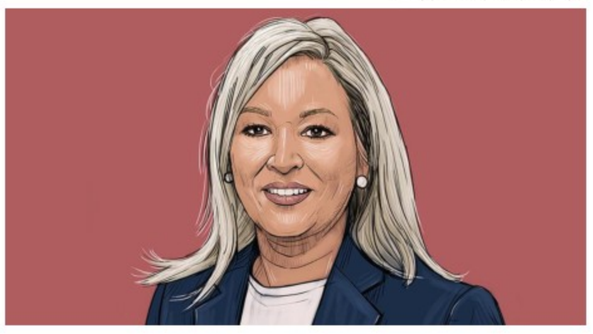

"I will serve everyone equally and be a First Minister for all," Ms. O'Neill said in her inaugural speech in Belfast. On her subsequent visit to London last week, she emphasised the existence of multiple identities in Northern Ireland: British, Irish, others.

Republican roots

Ms. O'Neill was born in 1977 to a family of republicans, almost a decade after the Troubles began, in a village in Northern Ireland's County Tyrone. She did not have an easy adolescence, becoming a mother at the age of 16. Her own mother gave up her job to look after the baby so that Ms. O'Neill could go back to school. Her father, Brendan Doris, was a member of the militant Irish Republican Army (IRA), for which he was jailed. He later went on to become a councillor on a ticket from Sinn Fein, which was then the IRA's political counterpart. Her cousin Tony Doris, also an IRA member, was shot by special forces in 1991. Her uncle Paul Doris, based in Philadelphia, was a fundraiser for the Irish republican cause.

"I am sorry for all the lives lost during the conflict. Without exception," Ms. O'Neill said in her inaugural speech, stopping sort of offering a explicit apology for the IRA's murders.

In 2005, following her father's decision to quit local politics, Ms. O'Neill won his seat on the Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council. She rose through the party to become Sinn Fein's deputy leader in 2017, after the death of Martin McGuinness.

McGuiness had walked out of a coalition government, leading to its collapse. When the Stormont reformed in 2020, Ms. O'Neill became Deputy First Minister.

The sporadic nature of governance has exacerbated the region's cost of living and public sector challenges, leaving Northern Ireland grappling with long healthcare waitlists as well as affordable housing and childcare crises. Addressing these issues is on the agenda for Ms. O'Neill and Ms. Little-Pengelly as is the publication of a revenue raising plan. Now that the government has reformed , a £3.3 billion funding package from Westminster will be available. However, both the DUP and Sinn Fein have said this will not be adequate.

Also looming is Sinn Fein's political goal: reuniting Northern Ireland with the Republic of Ireland. Its president, Mary Lou McDonald, told journalists in London last week that she expected a referendum by 2030. The Good Friday Agreement requires the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, a British official, to call a 'border poll' if it appears "likely" that the majority of those voting would wish to leave the U.K. and merge with Ireland.

Both Ms. O'Neill and Ms. McDonald have talked about the atmosphere for a referendum being inclusive and democratic. There is also a recognition that the U.K. will have to be part of the conversation. The Sinn Fein leadership has also acknowledged that it will need to work on its own lower polling numbers.

During an ITV interview last week, Ms. O'Neill defended her party's ability to address Northern Ireland's many pressing challenges and work towards holding – and winning – a referendum. "I think we can do the two things at the one time," she said.

The moment of rhythm

Shakti

The 50-year-old music band has won the Best Global Music Album award at the 66th Grammy for their pandemic creation *This Moment*

Gowri S.

A few weeks ahead of their 50th anniversary tour's U.S. leg in 2023, transcontinental Indo-jazz band Shakti made a pit stop at NPR for their popular 'tiny desk concert'.

What followed was simply a lesson on ingenious spontaneity that can only be cultivated through years and layers of interaction. British jazz guitarist John McLaughlin's effortless strums were in conversation with the impeccable rhythm of tabla exponent Zakir Hussain, as vocalist Shankar Mahadevan seamlessly joined, while violinist Ganesh Rajagopalan and kanjira artiste V. Selvaganesh caught up with vigour.

Today, snippets from this infectious musical dialogue flood social media, as the country revels in the 50-year-old ensemble's win for the Best Global Music Album at the 66th Grammy Awards for their pandemic creation, *This Moment*.

The now-quintet took shape in 1973 as a two-person aspiration towards melding the musical sensibilities of the East and the West. Zakir Hussain, who was then already touring with his father and tabla maestro Ustad Alla Rakha, roped in the British guitarist with a penchant for Indian music and spirituality, John McLaughlin, to actualise this shared dream. They were introduced to each other by a music shop owner in Greenwich Village, New York. The latter's fusion group Mahavishnu Orchestra – a jazz band with an Indian name – had already disbanded by then. Violinist L. Shankar and ghatam exponent 'Vikku' Vinayakram joined in 1974 to make Shakti a quartet with a unique sound.

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Hussain's incomparable command over rhythm met McLaughlin's curiosity to learn the alleyways of Indian classical music despite his well-known prowess over jazz. Vikku's ghatam and Shankar's violin added an unexpected but fitting Carnatic flavour.

They found common ground in the concept of improvisation, and the quest for a global sound, right in the heels of Pandit Ravi Shankar and The Beatles, whose experiments had already put Indian music on the global map by then.

In an interview with *The Hindu* in 2023, Vikku Vinayakram fondly recalled, "Rhythm has been our only mode of communication since we first met." A widely shared video from last year shows the 80-year-old conversing with his former bandmates Hussain and McLaughlin through a delightful 'konnakol' (a rhythmic rendition of Carnatic percussion syllables). While the 'East meets West' conversation was very much at the core of Shakti's sound, the band also celebrated the differences and similarities of classical music from the north and south of India.

A fresh sound

Five years and three albums later, in 1978, Shakti splintered as the musicians left to pursue personal projects, before regrouping in the late 1990s, with new members and a fresh sound.

This time, McLaughlin and Hussain were joined by U. Shrinivas on mandolin and legendary flautist Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasya on a reunion tour titled 'Remember Shakti'. On the vocals was Shankar as Selvaganesh took over the reins from his father Vikku Vinayakram to wield the ghatam and kanjira.

Following the sudden and tragic loss of Srinivas in 2014, Shakti once again went silent until early 2020 when two sold-out concerts in India and Singapore led to the ensemble's resurrection on stage. This time around, on the violin was Ganesh Rajagopalan.

After the Grammy win, an ecstatic and emotional Ganesh said, "We want to thank John ji and Zakir bhai for the 50 years of hard work. We are just piggybacking." Selvaganesh added, "Without them, we are not here."

Hussain won two more Grammys, sharpening India's presence at this year's event further: one for best global music performance for *Pashto* and the other for best contemporary instrumental album for *As We Speak*, alongside American banjo player Bela Fleck and American bassist Edgar Meyer, featuring Indian flute player Rakesh Chaurasia, nephew of flautist Hariprasad Chaurasia.

This Moment is the band's new studio album in more than 45 years. An inherent sense of playfulness characterises the album. It is nothing but a reflection of their love for varied worlds that make space for each musician's sensibilities and knowledge. Their sound goes beyond what we traditionally refer to as 'fusion' – it is rather, a long-drawn experiment that continues to spring surprises.

So naturally, 50 years on, Shakti's sound still ticks on a global stage. The Grammy stands witness.

INBRIEF

Aurobindo Pharma Q3 net surges to ₹940 crore

Aurobindo Pharma reported consolidated net profit surged more than 91% YoY to ₹939.9 crore (₹491 crore) in Q3 on the back of a nearly 14.7% increase in revenue from operations. "Pleased with the considerable progress we have made in our operations and the cost efficiencies achieved, this quarter's highest ever sales and EBITDA reflect the same," MD K. Nithyananda Reddy said. Aurobindo has declared an interim dividend of ₹1.5 per equity share (face value of ₹1).

Regulators ensure fair play, are not a nuisance, says CEA

Regulators are here to ensure sustainable growth for corporates and businesses and not to create hurdles, Chief Economic Advisor V. Anantha Nageswaran said in Chennai on Saturday. "Corporates should not see regulators as a nuisance. Businesses don't realise that regulators are here not to create hurdles for your growth and development, but to ensure that they continue uninterrupted much longer," he said, addressing the MMA Annual Convention 2024.

redBus joins ONDC, offers multi-modal travel bookings

Bus ticketing platform redBus said it had joined the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) and now offers multi-modal transport booking services on its platform in various cities. By integrating with ONDC it will offer auto rickshaw bookings in Bengaluru, Delhi, Chennai and Hyderabad, and metro ticket bookings in Chennai and Kochi. redBus said this makes it the first independent mobility app on ONDC with focus on first and last-mile connectivity.

JSW to set up ₹40,000 cr. EV industrial complex in Odisha

The mega project, first of its kind in the eastern state, is expected to create 11,000 jobs; it consists of a 50 GWH EV battery plant, EV plant, lithium refinery, copper smelter, and other units

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

JSW Group has signed a MoU with the Government of Odisha to set up an Integrated Electric Vehicles (EV) and EV Battery Manufacturing project at Cuttack and Paradip in Odisha with an investment of ₹40,000 crore. The first of its kind mega project in the eastern state, is expected to create 11,000 jobs.

The project consists of a 50 GWH EV battery plant, EVs, lithium refinery, copper smelter and related component manufacturing units.

'World's largest': The battery manufacturing project will be the world's largest single location project in the sector. ANI

The battery manufacturing project "will be the world's largest single location project in the sector," a person familiar with the project said.

JSW will also set-up an Original Equipment Manufacturing Plant for EVs and components in the same complex. The EV and its battery manufacturing investment will be made in two phases. JSW said it is planning to invest ₹25,000 crore and would generate more than 4,000 jobs.

The EV components plant will come up at the port town of Paradip. This complex will comprise of a Copper and a Lithium smelter in the third phase of its footprint.

Air freight spikes as Red sea woes persist

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COIMBATORE

Disruptions in the Red Sea route are pushing up logistics costs for exporters, even as several small volume cargo are diverted from sea to air, leading to space constraints and higher air freight charges.

President of the Coimbatore Custom House and Steamer Agents Association R. Rajeshkumar said there is a space crunch for those wanting to airlift goods, as even small volume cargo are not going by sea now.

"An exporter waited for 45 days and booked a cargo on Friday at a very high cost by sea. This will not be viable for exporters sending small volumes," he said.

Time and cost

If sea cargo used to take 32 days to reach a European port from India costing $700 (a 40-feet container), it now takes 55 days and costs almost $4,000. If buyers share the costs, there could be some relief to exporters.

"There are hundreds of instances where exporters are waiting and exploring viable options for shipments," he said. "Some shipping lines are also studying the possibility of alternative routes such as Caspian Sea, but hesitating to take risks," he added. This has raised demand for space in airlines, he said.

TVS Motor plans roll out of products in ICE, EV segments

N. Anand
CHENNAI

The firm will launch products in select markets in the EU, prioritizing countries with strong demand

TVS Motor Company (TVSM) in the coming quarters will be rolling out products in the ICE and EV segments in India and abroad on its own and through its subsidiary firm, said a top official.

As per the plan, TVSM has a clear road map for its overseas subsidiary Norton Motorcycles, which is being transformed into a global play. The new range of products will be ready by 2025, said MD Sudarshan Venu.

"We are now designing and developing and putting the products (Norton bikes) in totality. And definitely, it will take about 6 to 8 quarters to start completely realising the benefits of that," said CEO K.N. Radhakrishnan during an interaction.

Asserting that India would definitely be a part of Norton's growth story, he said the iconic British brand has a complete portfolio that is going to supplement the overall product range of TVSM.

The world's leading two- and three-wheel manufacturer, which announced its entry into Europe by signing a strategic partnership with a 100-year-old enterprise Emil Frey, will launch both ICE and EV products in select markets in the EU.

"We are prioritizing countries with strong two-wheeler demand, coupled with existing Emil Frey infrastructure and resources to build this distribution network," he said.

'AVGC-XR sector to become $26-billion industry by 2030'

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BENGALURU

India's animation, visual effects, gaming and comics, and extended reality (AVGC-XR) sector is all set for a quantum leap in the next five to six years, say industry players and policymakers.

Extended reality encompasses augmented, virtual and mixed reality.

The industry, which currently employs 2.6 lakh people across the country, is expected to create 23 lakh direct jobs by 2032. Also, the revenues are expected to cross $26 billion by 2030, up from $3 billion currently, according to them.

"Most of these direct job positions coming up will be for content developers, animators, pre- and post-production artists, pre-visualisation artists, compositors, etc. The industry is witnessing a high pace of growth with some segments within AVGC-XR already growing at 30 or 35% annually," observed Ashish Kulkarni, Chairman of FICCI AVGC Forum, founder of Punnaryug Artvision, an art village in Pune.

"As we navigate the ever-evolving dynamics of animation, visual effects, gaming, and comics, all stakeholders in this space are certain of the sector's limitless possibilities," said Biren Ghose, country head, Technicolor India and President, ABAI, the apex body for AVGC in Bengaluru.

'Panasonic firm's top priority to develop India into export hub'

N. Ravi Kumar
HYDERABAD

Kiyoshi Otaki, Executive VP, Panasonic Corporation

India as a market and manufacturing site remains 'top priority' in the global expansion strategy for Panasonic Electric Works Company of Japan.

The company plans to enhance production capabilities by leveraging surplus facilities at Sri City factory in Andhra Pradesh, said Ryo Matsumoto, General Manager, Living Energy Business Division, Electric Works Company, Panasonic Corporation.

"Our strategic investment roadmap includes 100 billion yen (about ₹7,000 crore) allocation for global electrical and equipment business growth by fiscal 2030, excluding Japan. Of this 30 billion yen (about ₹2,100 crore) is earmarked for investment by fiscal 2024," he replied on email following a company conducted media tour of some facilities in Japan recently.

While he did not disclose specific investments for India, he said the company will focus on capacity expansion, integrating new technologies and reinforcing its market position in the next 5-10 years.

'Remarkable growth'

Executive VP, Panasonic Corporation and President of Electric Works Company Kiyoshi Otaki speaking at a media briefing said, "among our priorities, India holds a special place as the world's most populous country with remarkable economic growth. We aspire to expand operations... in future, we will actively pursue exports and investments from India to Africa."

Panasonic Electric Works is one of the four business domains of Panasonic Corporation and its electrical construction materials' business reported net sales was 1 trillion yen (about ₹62,500 crore) in FY-2022.

Beyond acquisition

In India, Panasonic had acquired Anchor Electricals in 2007. Following this, significant investments were directed towards manufacturing facilities, said Toshinobu Kawasaki, Joint MD of PEWIN, Panasonic Life Solutions India.

"We have upgraded and expanded the plants in Daman, Haridwar and Kutch and established a new manufacturing hub in Sri City to strengthen production capabilities across India... (we are) committed to further investments in the existing facilities to enhance operational efficiency and output. Our strategy includes actively exploring mergers and acquisitions to expand into new business segments and increase capacities," he replied to a query over mail. Panasonic Electric Works India is a business unit of Panasonic Life Solution India and in FY-22 posted net sales, in the country, of 83 billion yen (about ₹5,180 crore).

Emerging hub

On land availability for expansion at older units - other than Sri City - he said "for the three plants [in Haridwar, Daman and Kutch] where expansion space is limited we are intensifying efforts to enhance productivity per unit area. This will involve advancing automation and improving production efficiency. While the Daman plant currently plays a significant role in export production, we are considering shifting some export-focused activities to the Sri City plant, aligning with our goal to establish India as a pivotal export hub."

"Currently, exports constitute 2% of our total business... by 2030, we aim to increase our export business to account for 10% of our total operations," said Mr. Kawasaki. The focus is on expanding and diversifying the product range to meet the evolving market demands.

(The correspondent was in Japan at the invitation of the company)

Tata Steel's Odisha plants receive 'Responsible Steel' tag

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BHUBANESWAR

Tata Steel's Kalinganagar and Meramandali plants in Odisha have received the prestigious Responsible Steel certification, a company statement said.

Responsible Steel is a global multi-stakeholder standard and certification initiative that works with steel producers, consumers, and intermediaries towards building a sustainable steel industry by addressing pressing challenges including climate change, diversity and human rights, it said.

Its certification process involves a detailed review of key policies and work at the site by an independent external assessor.

Tata Steel CEO and MD T.V. Narendran said, "The Responsible Steel certification for our sites is a testament to Tata Steel's unwavering commitment to sustainability. It reflects our proactive approach towards addressing the evolving challenges of the steel industry and shaping a better tomorrow. We are progressing well towards our target of certifying all our existing steel-making sites in India by 2025." Three facilities in Jamshedpur were awarded the certification in October 2022.

In India, Tata Steel now has more than 90% of its steel production from Responsible Steel-certified sites, the statement said.

The inclusion of Kalinganagar and Meramandali plants reaffirms the company's dedication to responsible business practices and environmental stewardship, it said.

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Please Note this to all Registered / Unregistered Contractors.

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Public Works Division, Nashik

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Notice Inviting Bid

Bid/ Package no.- NH/Dhanbad/05/2023-24 (2nd Call) **Dated-09.02.2024**

RFP for **Widening / Strengthening work from km-242.450 to 251.400 of NH-114A in the State of Jharkhand under EPC mode. (JOB NO-NH-114A-JHR-2023-24-332).** The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways through **Chief Engineer, National Highway Wing, Jharkhand, Ranchi** is engaged in the development of National Highways and as part of this endeavour, it has been decided to undertake **Widening / Strengthening work from km-242.450 to 251.400 of NH-114A in the State of Jharkhand under EPC mode. (JOB NO-NH-114A-JHR-2023-24-332).** through an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract. [The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways/ State Public Works Department/ represented by its DG(RD)&SS / CE (NH) PWD State] now invites bids from eligible contractors for the following project:-

State	NH No.	ICB No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (In Rs. Cr.)	Completion Period	Maintenance Period
Jharkhand	114A		Widening / Strengthening work from km-242.450 to 251.400 of NH-114A in the State of Jharkhand under EPC mode. (JOB NO-NH-114A-JHR-2023-24-332).	16.41 (including GST, LC & Utility Shifting)	9 (Nine Months)	3 (Three years) after Completion

The complete BID document can be viewed / downloaded from official portal of the CPPP website https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app from 15.02.2024 to 30.03.2024 (upto 17:00 Hrs. IST). Bidder must submit its Financial bid and Technical Bid at https:// eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app on or before 30.03.2024 (upto 17:00 Hrs). Bids received online shall be opened on 08.04.2024 (after 15:00 hours IST).

Bid through any other mode shall not be entertained. However, E-Bank Guarantee/ Insurance surety Bond , receipt of document fee, Power of Attorney and Joint Bidding Agreement etc. shall be submitted physically by the Bidder within 7 days from the bid due date. In case of Original BGs in confirmation of scanned copies are not submitted within this period by the bidder, the bidder will be debarred for one year from bidding for National Highways/other Centrally Sponsored works of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and its implementing agencies. Please note that the Ministry/Authority/ Executing Agency reserve the right to accept or reject all or any of the BIDs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Executive Engineer
National Highway Division, Dhanbad

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BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I
KARNATAKA BSNL BUILDING, FOURTH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BENGALURU-560001.

O.A.No. 622 of 2022

Between : BANK OF INDIA, RPC Layout Branch, **...Applicant**
And : M/s. Brahmi Ruchi Veg and Another **...Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (Procedure) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Defendants 1 and 2:

1. M/s. Brahmi Ruchi Veg, Represented by its proprietor Sri. Chandrshckar Shetty S/o. Rajeev Shetty, #254, 22nd Main, 19th Cross, Opp. Vijayanagar, Bus Stand, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040.

2. Sri Chandrshekar Shetty S/o Rajeev Shetty, #149, 1st Main, Maaranahalli, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040.

WHEREAS the applicant has instituted an application U/s. 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act. 1993 against you for the recovery of Rs. 21,09,673.88 P.s (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Three and decimal Eighty Eight only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned Defendants are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or **on 18th April 2024 at 10.30 am (forenoon)** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Given under my hand and the seal of this tribunal on this 09th Feb 2024.

By Order of the Tribunal, Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I,
Bengaluru-560001.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE VII ADDL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH-19), AT BENGALURU
O.S NO. 7374/2022

Between:
Ms. Divya Mithrye. K Aged about 30 years, D/o Late R. Karthikeyan, Residing at Flat No.3, Akshya Paradise, No.393, 5th Cross, 1st Phase, 1st Main Ideal Homestownship, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru - 560098,. **....Plaintiff**

And:
M/s JABM One Source Pvt. Ltd & Others
A Company incorporated and registered Under the Companies Act, 1956, Having its Principle Place of Business At No. 254/185/26, 2nd Main, "BaswerSannidhi" Achi Ashirvad-2, Neeladri Layout, Doddathoguru Road, Bangaluru-560100
Represented by its Director- Mr. Sunil Shivaji Rao
And Mr. R.V.S.N Ane Ram TejaArigela
And General Manager- Shiva Kumar G.

Also At:
2nd Main Road, Nila Investment Layout, Bettadasanapura, Electronic City Phase 1, Bengaluru-560100. **....Defendants**

Summons to defendant. No.1 U/o V Rule 20 CPC

Whereas the Plaintiff has filed the above suit against the defendants for the relief of refund of **RS.9,00,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh only)** along with interest at 18% from the date of receipt to till the date of payment and for consequential permanent injunction.

Hence, you are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court, either in person or through an advocate/pleader **on 01.03.2024 at 11.00 AM** to answer the same, failing which the matter will be heard and disposed ex-party.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this **24th day of January 2024**

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential apartment bearing **Flat No.3,** situated in **2nd Floor** of **"Akshaya Paradise Apartment", No.393, 1st Main, 5th Cross, Ideal Homes Township Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore 560098** provided with electricity, water, sanitary and other facility;

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
CITY CIVIL COURT
BANGALORE

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BACK-TO-BACK TITLES

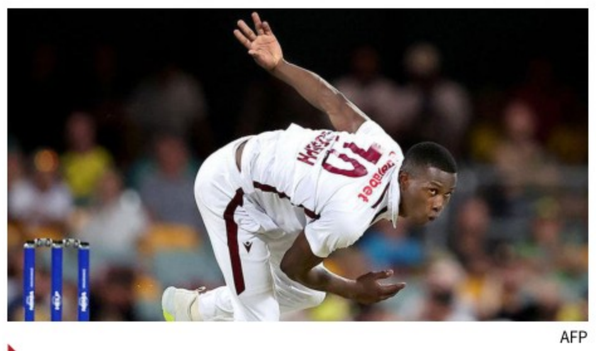
Afif's hat-trick inspires Qatar to Asian Cup glory

GETTY IMAGES

Akram Afif scored a hat-trick of penalties to secure back-to-back Asian Cup titles for Qatar in a 3-1 win over Jordan at the Lusail Stadium in Doha on Saturday.
The results: Jordan 1 (Al-Naimat 67) lost to Qatar 3 (Afif 22-pen, 73-pen, 90+5-pen).

IPL CALLING

Shamar Joseph joins Super Giants as replacement for Mark Wood



AFP

West Indies pace sensation Shamar Joseph, who single-handedly won a Test against Australia last month, was on Saturday roped in by Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) for the upcoming Indian Premier League season as replacement for England's Mark Wood. He will join LSG for ₹3 crore.

OPPORTUNITY

Gujarat Giants ropes in Tahuhu in place of injured Cheatle

GETTY IMAGES

New Zealand pacer Lea Tahuhu was on Saturday named as replacement for Australia's left-arm quick Lauren Cheatle by Gujarat Giants ahead of the Women's Premier League starting on February 23. The 33-year-old Tahuhu was bought by Gujarat for ₹30 lakh. Tahuhu has represented NZ in 80 T20Is and 93 ODIs.

DOMINANT

Patna Pirates beats U Mumba, moves a step closer to playoffs

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Patna Pirates defeated U Mumba 44-23 to climb to the fourth spot and inch closer to a Pro Kabaddi League Season 10 playoffs spot in Kolkata on Saturday. Bengal Warriors inflicted a heavy 55-35 loss on the Telugu Titans. Nitin Kumar's brilliant 13 points and Maninder Singh's eight points put the Warriors in charge of the game.

India needs to be on its toes against the resilient Aussies

Saharan leads the batting charts and the team was pushed only in the semifinal against SA; Australia captain Weibgen, opener Dixon, seamers Straker and Vidler have been consistent

UNDER-19 WORLD CUP

Press Trust of India
BENONI

Few careers will get wings to soar while some will fade into oblivion but on Sunday, all those sprightly young Indian boys will leave no stone unturned to win a record sixth ICC U-19 World Cup when they face Australia in the summit clash here.

The Aussies have a quartet – skipper Hugh Weibgen, opener Harry Dixon, seamers Tom Straker and Callum Vidler – the consistent performers during this edition who could spell trouble for India.

Favourite

India U-19 had beaten Australia in the 2012 and 2018 finals, and will again start favourites during this edition's title match.

Truth be told, the current team led by Saharan, didn't initially look like a great outfit as it even failed to enter the final of the U-19 Asia Cup a couple of months back.

But here all pieces of the puzzle has fallen in place.

Saharan leads the batting charts with 389 runs as the team's performance got better with each match and the only time it has been pushed to a corner in the tournament is the semifinal where it pipped hosts South Africa by a solitary wicket.

The jury is still out on how many of them can actually make it big but if there have been two standout players, who looked cut out for bigger things, one is young Maharashtra batter Dhas, who has revelled in the role of a finisher, and left-arm spinner Saumy Pandey, who has so far taken 17 wickets.

Dhas didn't get an IPL contract as he had not yet played any senior level game and hence ineligible for the auction.

Temperament

However, he is one batter who has shown temperament, a pre-requisite for the highest level.

Saharan is more of an accumulator while Sarfaraz Khan's younger brother Musheer, who is the second highest run-getter, is also a handy left-arm spinner.

Right-arm pacer Raj Limbani and left-arm seamer Naman Tiwari have been effective but are far from ready for the next level.

But on Sunday, their best will probably be more than enough for this level.

Match starts at 1:30 p.m. (IST).

All set for the summit clash

As India and Australia gear up to square off at Willowmoore Park in Benoi, an overview of the records from the U19 World Cup

Most titles	IND 5	AUS 3
Most finals	IND 9	AUS 6

U19 World Cup Finals

Year	Winner	Runner up	Winning captain	Host
1988	Australia	Pakistan	Geoff Parker	Australia
1998	England	NZ	Owais Shah	SA
2000	India	Sri Lanka	Mohammad Kaif	Sri Lanka
2002	Australia	SA	Cameron White	NZ
2004	Pakistan	WI	Khalid Latif	Bangladesh
2006	Pakistan	India	Sarfaraz Ahmed	Sri Lanka
2008	India	SA	Virat Kohli	Malaysia
2010	Australia	Pakistan	Mitchell Marsh	NZ
2012	India	Australia	Unmukt Chand	Australia
2014	SA	Pakistan	Aiden Markram	UAE
2016	WI	India	Shimron Hetmyer	Bangladesh
2018	India	Australia	Prithvi Shaw	NZ
2020	Bangladesh	India	Akbar Ali	SA
2022	India	England	Yash Dhull	WI

Most runs	Eoin Morgan - 606
Most wickets	Kwena Maphaka - 28
Most runs in single edition	Dewald Brevis (South Africa) - 506 (2022)
Most wickets in single edition	Enamul Haque Jr (Bangladesh) - 22 (2004)

Most runs current edition	Uday Saharan (India) - 389
Most wickets current edition	Kwena Maphaka (South Africa) - 21

COMPILED BY SAHIL MATHUR

Akash Deep gets Test call-up; Kohli still unavailable

ENGLAND IN INDIA

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Virat Kohli will remain on the sidelines due to personal reasons, thus missing a Test series for the first time since his debut, while Shreyas Iyer has been dropped for the last three games of India's ongoing five-match series versus England. All-rounder Ravindra Jadeja and batter K.L. Rahul return to the squad pending a final fitness clearance. Pacer Akash Deep has received a maiden Test call-up in the 17-member squad.

Jay Shah, the Board of Control for Cricket in India secretary, announced the squad on Saturday morning after the national selectors met on Friday evening in Chennai to finalise the squad. *The Hindu* understands that the selectors chose to wait as much as they could to have clarity over Kohli's availability and assess Rahul and Jadeja's fitness.

"Virat Kohli will remain unavailable for selection for the remainder of the series due to personal reasons. The Board fully respects and supports Mr. Kohli's decision. The participation of Ravindra Jadeja and K.L. Rahul is subject to fitness clearance from the BCCI medical team," the BCCI statement read.

With the Indian squad – given a break after the second Test concluded in Visakhapatnam on February 5 – set to reassemble in Rajkot on Sunday evening, a final call on Jadeja and Rahul's participation may be taken during Monday's training session.

Recognition: Akash Deep, the Bengal pacer, has been brought in place of Avesh Khan. V. RAJU

Shreyas, meanwhile, has been dropped on the back of an average run in the ongoing World Test Championship cycle. He has managed just 187 runs in his previous 12 innings. Apparently his mode of dismissals in the first two Tests has also not gone down well with the team management and the selectors.

Despite a back trouble having reportedly resurfaced for Shreyas, the statement finds no mention of the injury.

Rajat Patidar, who came in as Kohli's replacement ahead of the series and made his debut in Visakhapatnam after Rahul was unavailable, and Sarfaraz Khan have retained their place in the side. The only other change is Akash Deep, the Bengal pacer, having been brought in place of Avesh Khan. More than the change, the biggest discussion about the pace pack revolved around Jasprit Bumrah's workload.

With the series being tied at a match apiece, the selectors persisted with Bumrah. Depending on the way the Rajkot game pans out, a call be taken on resting Bumrah for the fourth or the fifth Test.

The squad:
Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Jasprit Bumrah (Vice-capt.), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, K.L. Rahul, Rajat Patidar, Sarfaraz Khan, Dhruv Jurel (wk), K.S. Bharat (wk), R. Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohd. Siraj, Mukesh Kumar, Akash Deep.

The itinerary:
Third Test: February 15-19 (Rajkot), **Fourth Test:** February 23-27 (Ranchi), **Fifth Test:** March 7-11 (Dharamshala).

Haaland nets a brace as Man City pips Everton

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
MANCHESTER

Manchester City's Erling Haaland scored for the first time since November to take the side home in a gritty 2-0 win against Everton on Saturday.

Pep Guardiola's side was well below its best as it laboured to break down a stubborn Everton at a nervous Etihad Stadium.

But Haaland struck twice late in the second half to get back on the scoresheet for the first time since returning from an absence of nearly two months.

The results:
Premier League: Fulham 3 (De Cordova-Reid 6, Muniz 36, 52) bt Bournemouth 1 (Senesi 50); Liverpool 3 (Jota 31, Diaz 52, Nunez 79) bt Burnley 1 (O'Shea 45); Luton 1 (Morris 52-pen) lost to Sheffield United 3 (Archer 30, McAtee 36-pen, Souza 72); Manchester City 2 (Haaland 71, 85) bt Everton 0; Tottenham 2 (Sarr 61, Johnson 90+6) bt Brighton 1 (Gross 17-pen); Wolves 0 lost to Brentford 2 (Norgaard 35, Toney 77).
LaLiga: Alaves 1 (Omorodion 25) drew with Villarreal 1 (Cuenca 42); Cadiz 0 lost to Real Betis 2 (Willian Jose 6, Fornals 46).
Serie A: Salernitana 1 (Weissman 69) lost to Empoli 3 (Zanoli 23-og, Niang 88-pen, Cancellieri 90+4); Cagliari 1 (Gaetano 51) lost to Lazio 3 (Deiola 26-og, Immobile 49, Felipe Anderson 65).
Bundesliga: Borussia Dortmund 3 (Malen 16, 45+7, Fuellkrug 87) bt Freiburg 0.

Hunter storms past Volynets into the final

MUMBAI OPEN

Kamesh Srinivasan
MUMBAI

Former World No. 1 doubles star Storm Hunter gave a glimpse of her singles competence with a 6-4, 7-6(4) victory over Katie Volynets of the USA in the semifinals of the L&T Mumbai Open WTA tennis at the CCI on Saturday.

What was remarkable was that the 29-year-old Aussie bounced back from being down 0-5 in the second set to win in straight sets. Hunter did miss her chance while serving for the match at 6-5, having won six games on the trot, as Volynets proved a tough nut to crack with her sharp strokes and athletic approach.

In the tie-break, Storm had little trouble in asserting her game. She will be looking for a fourth singles title of her career, when she faces Darja Semenistaja of Latvia in the final.

Darja recovered from being down 3-5 in the first set, to win 7-5, 6-4 against Arianne Hartono of the Netherlands. Darja will be looking for her 16th singles title on Sunday.

Hunter. KAMESH SRINIVASAN

In doubles, Arianne Hartono returned to the court with Prarthana Thombare to continue with her entertaining play for the faithful enthusiasts who had stayed back. The Indo-Dutch team beat Zhibek Kulambayeva and Sohyun Park 6-2, 6-1.

The results (semifinals):
Singles: Darja Semenistaja (Lat) bt Arainne Hartono (Ned) 7-5, 6-4; Storm Hunter (Aus) bt Katie Volynets (USA) 6-4, 7-6(4).
Doubles: Prarthana Thombare & Arianne Hartono (Ned) bt Zhibek Kulambayeva (Kaz) & Sohyun Park (Kor) 6-2, 6-1; Dalila Jakupovic (Slo) & Sabrina Santamaria (USA) bt Naiktha Bains (GBR) & Fanny Stollar (Hun) 6-4, 6-1.

Nagal through to title clash; Saketh-Ramkumar pair wins

CHENNAI OPEN

Nihit Sachdeva
CHENNAI

Sumit Nagal survived a late injury scare to book his place in the final of the Chennai Open, an ATP Challenger Tour event, on Saturday with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Dalibor Svrcina at the SDAT Stadium here.

In his eighth Challenger final, Nagal will face 20-year-old Luca Nardi, the top-seeded Italian. The winner of Sunday's summit clash is guaranteed to make his top-100 debut in the ATP rankings.

Nagal, up by a double break, failed to serve for the match for the first time at 5-2 in the second set as his forehand started misfiring. The 26-year-old then took a medical timeout to receive some treatment for the pain in his right shoulder. Nagal tried to close the tie for the second time and at 30-all, hit a forehand down the line which the linesman ruled 'out' before the chair umpire reversed the call.

Victorious: Saketh and Ramkumar beat Rithvik and Niki to clinch the doubles crown. R. RAVINDRAN

From a chance to break Nagal again and bringing things back on serve, Svrcina now faced a match point. The 21-year-old Czech netted a forehand return early in the next rally and threw his cap away in frustration, ending the semifinal which fell five minutes short of the two-hour mark.

In a closely contested first set, it was Nagal's performance on the second serve which made the difference. The Indian won five out of nine second serve points and all five second serve return points.

In the all-Indian doubles final, Asian Games silver medallists Saketh Myneni and Ramkumar Ramanathan defeated Rithvik Bollipalli and Niki Poonacha to clinch the title.

The results: Singles:
Semifinal: Luca Nardi (Ita) bt Chun-hsin Tseng (Tpe) 6-4, 4-6, 7-6(6); Sumit Nagal bt Dalibor Svrcina (Cze) 6-3, 6-4.
Doubles: Final: Saketh Myneni/Ramkumar Ramanathan bt Rithvik Bollipalli/Niki Poonacha 3-6, 6-3 [10-5].

Indian men outclass Spain to start with victory in Pro League

Uthra Ganesan
BHUBANESWAR

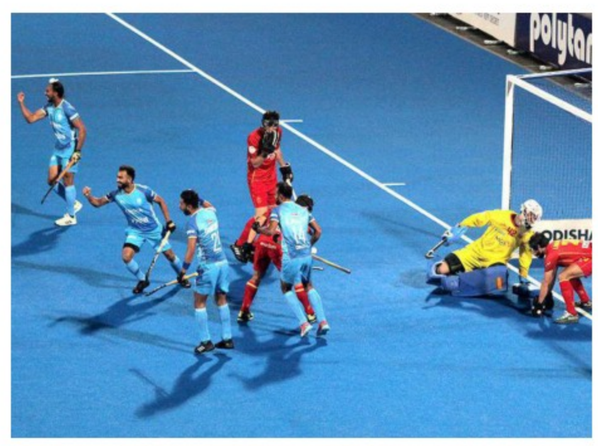
The Indian men started their competitive campaign in the Olympic year with a comprehensive 4-1 win against Spain in their FIH Pro League opener on Saturday, the win as impressive for the performance as the result.

The Indians, coming in from a mixed South Africa tour that saw them win easy against lower-ranked host and France before losing big against the Netherlands – India's next opponent here on Sunday – kept the tempo high.

It was the midfield that was at the heart of the Indian team's superiority, with Hardik Singh controlling it brilliantly to set up the attacks.

The vice-captain was instrumental in earning the first PC for India that captain Harmanpreet Singh converted, slamming hard into the board.

In front of packed-as-usual stands, the Indians showed both speed and control, racing away with the ball when in possession but taking time inside the circle to get into the right positions.



Happy lot: Indian players celebrate after scoring against Spain. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Although there was only one open goal – a lovely reverse volley by Lalit Upadhyay off Sukhjeet's pass, standing all alone inside the circle even as the Spaniards assumed a foul – Harmanpreet and Jugraj Singh ensured the seven PCs earned – and a stroke – would not be wasted, going 3-0 up at half-time.

The stand-out players, though, were veterans Manpreet Singh and P.R. Sreejesh.

With his speed and skills, Manpreet kept disrupting attacks – Spain fighting to get back into the game in the second half with some well-timed shots at goal, only to be repeatedly thwarted by Sreejesh, including two back-to-back saves.

Earlier, the Dutchmen overcame a spirited Ireland 5-1 to remain on top of the leaderboard.

The results:
Netherlands 5 (Jip Janssen 35, 52, Tjep Hoedemakers 12, Jorrit Croon 21, Steijn van Heijningen 53) bt Ireland 1 (Lee Cole 36).
India 4 (Harmanpreet Singh 7, 20, Jugraj Singh 24, Lalit Upadhyay 50) bt Spain 1 (Marc Miralles 34).

INBRIEF

Pugilists Panghal and Nikhat among six Indians in final

Dominant efforts by two-time world champion Nikhat Zareen and Commonwealth Games gold medallist Amit Panghal headlined Indian boxers' march into six finals at the 75th Strandja Memorial boxing tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria, on Saturday. Nikhat will square off against Uzbekistan's Sabina Bobokulova in the gold medal match on Sunday. Panghal will take on the reigning world champion Kazakhstan's Sanzhar Tashkenbay on Sunday. The others to make the final are Arundhati Choudhary (66kg), Barun Singh Shagolshem (48kg), Sachin (57kg) and Rajat (67kg).

Tamil Nadu boys and girls make it to the last-eight stage

Tamil Nadu topped Group-A and entered the girls' quarterfinals of the National junior basketball championships in Bhubaneswar on Saturday, along with Maharashtra and Kerala. Tamil Nadu boys, too, reached the last eight from Group-B with Rajasthan and Chandigarh.

The results, league: Boys: Uttar Pradesh 58 (Harsh Dagar 22, Kushal Singh 13, Kunal Kumar Singh 12, Muhammad Kaif 11) bt Punjab 64 (Bhanu Pratap Sood 19, Japsanjam Singh 11, Sahibjit Singh 11); Chandigarh 86 (Sanju Gajbhiye 23, Vipul 22, Himanshu Hooda 18) bt Tamil Nadu 81 (S. Pragalathan 36, S. Deepak 20); Rajasthan 115 (Akshit Hooda 36, Lokesh Kumar 20, Ishan Muhammad 15, Banti Choudhari 10) bt Andhra Pradesh 46 (Dwarkantha Reddy 14).
Girls: Uttar Pradesh 58 (Himanshi Kumari 13, Nancy Gupta 11, Anushika Chouhan 10) bt Haryana 56 (Anjali Suresh Kumar 23, Mannu Rajbir 13, Kafi Satpal 11); Maharashtra 82 (Sanika Phule 24, Ananya Bhavasar 19, Mansi Nimalkar 13) bt Kerala 50 (P.A. Alka 12); Tamil Nadu 73 (Sona Resalin 12, Sadhana Veronica 10, Juana Chrisolin 10) bt Chandigarh 54.

Siddhant & Sai Karteek lose in the quarterfinals

Siddhant Banthia and Sai Karteek Reddy lost 2-6, 1-6 to Samuela Pieri and Dan Alexandru Tomescu in the doubles quarterfinals of the $25,000 ITF men's tennis tournament at Antalya, Turkey.

The results: $25,000 ITF men, Antalya: Doubles, quarterfinals: Samuele Pieri (Ita) & Dan Alexandru Tomescu (Rou) bt Siddhant Banthia & Sai Karteek Reddy 6-2, 6-1.
$25,000 ITF men Hammamet, Tunisia: Doubles, pre-quarterfinals: Thomas Fancutt (Aus) & Aziz Ouakaa (Tun) bt Sathi Reddy Chirala & Jay Clarke (GBR) 6-3, 6-0.
$15,000 ITF men, Sharm El Sheikh: Doubles, pre-quarterfinals: Hayato Matsuoka (Jpn) & Faris Zakaria (Egy) bt Kevin Portmann (Ita) & Rishiraj Shekhawat 6-2, 6-0.
$25,000 ITF women, Wesley Chapel, USA: Doubles, pre-quarterfinals: Lia Karatancheva (Bul) & Victoria Osuigwe (USA) bt Riya Bhatia & Amanda Elkin (Mex) 6-3, 6-2.
$15,000 ITF women, Monastir, Tunisia: Doubles, pre-quarterfinals: Selina Dal (Ger) & Stephanie Visscher (Ned) bt Sandeepti Singh Rao & Demi Tran (Ned) 6-4, 6-7(4), [10-3].

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7 a.m.
Ranji Trophy: Jio Cinema App, 9.30 a.m.
Men's U-19 CWC: (final), Australia vs India, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 p.m.
Australia vs West Indies: 2nd T20I, Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 2 p.m.
Sri Lanka vs Afghanistan: 2nd ODI, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 2.30 p.m.
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 5, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Monday)
LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Monday)
ISL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 & 10 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8 p.m.

Bowlers put Karnataka in the driver's seat against TN

The hosts were tottering at 129 for seven at the end of the day's play needing another 87 runs to avoid the follow-on; visitors' Shashi Kumar picks up three wickets while Hardik claims two

RANJI TROPHY

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Sharp reflex: Sai Kishore is snapped up at short-leg by Bedare off Hardik. M. VEDHAN

Karnataka's bowlers, led by off-spinner K. Shashi Kumar (three for 41), produced a disciplined bowling effort and ran through the Tamil Nadu top-order to get their side into a commanding position on day two of the Ranji Trophy match here at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium on Saturday.

Resuming at 288 for five, the visitors were bowled out for 366, with overnight batter Hardik Raj completing his maiden half-century and wicketkeeper-batter S. Sharath chipping in with a vital 45.

In reply, Tamil Nadu was tottering at 129 for seven at the end of day, losing seven wickets for 68 runs, with its batters showing poor application and technique.

Only N. Jagadeesan (40) looked comfortable taking on the spinners. He got the side off to a good start with a 51-run stand with fellow-opener Vimal Khumar before the latter was bowled around his legs while trying to sweep left-arm spinner Hardik.

Soon after, Shashi Kumar struck twice in one over, removing the well-set Jagadeesan trapped leg-before and then accounting for Pradosh Ranjan Paul two balls later, caught at cover off a leading edge.

Just when TN looked to rebuild, the pacers got into the act pushing the hosts into deeper trouble when V. Vyshak had S. Lokeshwar caught at slip with an superb rising delivery at the stroke of tea.

Kaverappa then snuffed out Vijay Shankar after the break, caught at third slip while flashing at a wide delivery as TN slumped to 93 for five.

The Karnataka bowlers were impeccable with their line and lengths giving nothing away to the TN batters, who struggled to rotate the strike and could manage only five boundaries and a six.

With TN needing another 87 runs to avoid the follow-on, Mayank Agarwal's men will feel they are within striking distance of a big win that would almost seal the side's place in the knockouts.

The scores:
Karnataka — 1st innings: R. Samarth b Ajith Ram 57, Mayank Agarwal b Sai Kishore 20, Devdutt Padikkal c&b Pradosh 151, Nikin Jose c Jagadeesan b Sai Kishore 13, Manish Pandey lbw b Ajith Ram 1, Kishan Bedare c Pradosh b Sai Kishore 3, Hardik Raj c Jagadeesan b Mohammed 51, S. Sharath b Ajith Ram 45, V. Vyshak b Mohammed 0, K. Shashi Kumar st Jagadeesan b Ajith Ram 9, V. Kaverappa (not out) 0; Extras (b-4, lb-10, w-2): 16; Total (in 119.4 overs): 366.
Fall of wickets: 1-35, 2-167, 3-226, 4-231, 5-234, 6-288, 7-329, 8-333, 9-365
Tamil Nadu bowling: Warrier 22-2-75-0, Sai Kishore 34-7-102-3 , Mohammed 15-3-46-2, Pradosh 11-1-31-1, Vijay Shankar 7-0-20-0, Ajith Ram 29.4-4-75-4, Boopathi 1-0-3-0.
Tamil Nadu — 1st innings: Vimal Khumar b Hardik 14, N. Jagadeesan lbw b Shashi Kumar 40, Pradosh Ranjan Paul c Manish b Shashi Kumar 5, B. Indrajith (batting) 35, S. Lokeshwar c Padikkal b Vyshak 3, Vijay Shankar c Bedare b Kaverappa 6, M. Boopathi Vaishna Kumar lbw b Shashi Kumar 8, R. Sai Kishore c Bedare b Hardik 2, M. Mohammed (batting) 3; Extras (b-8, lb-2, nb-3): 13; Total (for seven wkts. in 56 overs): 129.
Fall of wickets: 1-51, 2-66, 3-67, 4-80, 5-93, 6-111, 7-119.
Karnataka bowling: Hardik 19-4-47-2, Kaverappa 12-2-12-1, Vyshak 10-0-19-1, Shashi Kumar 15-1-41-3.

RANJI SCORES, ROUND 6, DAY 2

Karun Nair (Vidharbha, 128 batting). FILE PHOTO: G.P. SAMPATH KUMAR

Elite: Group-A: At Jaipur: Saurashtra 328 in 116.5 overs (Sheldon Jackson 116, Aniket Choudhary 4/33, Kukna Ajay Singh 5/120) vs Rajasthan 159/6 in 61 overs.
Ahmedabad: Manipur 67 & 51/6 in 32 overs vs Services 333 in 106.1 overs (Ravi Chauhan 108, Rajat Paliwal 122).
Jamshedpur: Haryana 509 in 134.5 overs (Rahul Tewatia 144, Sumit Kumar 86, Anukul Roy 5/80) vs Jharkhand 119/9 in 38.2 overs (Jayant Yadav 4/35).
Pune: Maharashtra 208 in 56.4 overs vs Vidarbha 439/6 in 106 overs (Dhruv Shorey 92, Karun Nair 128 batting, Akshay Wadkar 90).
Group-B: Vizianagaram: Andhra 261 & 19/1 in 4.3 overs vs Uttar Pradesh 198 in 51.5 overs (Aryan Juyal 60, K.V. Sasikanth 5/54).
Raipur: Mumbai 351 in 101.4 overs (Ashish Chouhan 6/105) vs Chhattisgarh 180/4 in 66 overs (Shashank Chandrakar 56, Sanjeet Desai 41).
Thumba: Kerala 363 in 127.3 overs (Sachin Baby 124, Akshay Chandran 106, Shahbaz Ahmed 4/73) vs Bengal 172/8 in 49 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 72, Jalaj Saxena 7/67).
Guwahati: Assam 405 in 121.4 overs (Abhishek Thakuri 115, Mrinmoy Dutta 72 n.o., Sakibul Gani 4/91) vs Bihar 134/5 in 46 overs.
Group-C: Chandigarh: Chandigarh 356 in 116 overs (Mayank Sidhu 41) vs Tripura 187/4 in 62 overs (Ganesh Satish 67 batting, Bikramjit Debnath 50 batting).
Surat: Railways 297 & 31/0 in 11 overs vs Goa 200 in 68.2 overs (Amogh Sunil Desai 61, Adarsh Singh 4/49, Akash Pandey 4/62).
Mohali: Gujarat 339 in 94.3 overs (Umang Kumar 40, Arzan Nagwaswalla 50 n.o.) vs Punjab 219 in 56.5 overs (Mandeep Singh 76 n.o., Baltej Singh 42, Priyajitsing Jadeja 5/60).
Chennai: Karnataka 366 in 119.4 overs (Devdutt Padikkal 151, Hardik Raj 51, Srinivas Sharath 45, Ajith Ram 4/75) vs Tamil Nadu 129/7 in 56 overs (N. Jagadeesan 40).
Group-D: Puducherry: Jammu & Kashmir 106 & 152 in 67.5 overs (Damodaran Rohit 4/46) vs Puducherry 172 & 35/7 in 23 overs (Abid Mushtaq 5/17).
Dharamshala: Delhi 264 in 71 overs vs Himachal Pradesh 311/8 in 85 overs (Ravi Thakur 85, Ankit Kalsi 44, Rishi Dhawan 95 batting, Siddhant Sharma 4/101).
Indore: Madhya Pradesh 454 in 129.3 overs (Himanshu Mantri 111, Shubham Sharma 61, Saransh Jain 70, Kumar Kartikeya 45, Mahesh Pithiya 6/103, Akash Singh 4/97) vs Baroda 104/6 in 40 overs (Mitesh Patel 67 batting).
Cuttack: Uttarakhand 342 in 131.3 overs (Vaibhav Bhatt 115, Akhil Rawat 50) vs Odisha 123/6 in 41.2 overs (Aasirwad Swain 54).
Plate: At Hyderabad (1st semifinal): Hyderabad 462/8 decl in 107 overs (Pragnay Reddy 47) vs Nagaland 206 (Joshua Ozukum 50, Rongsen Jonathan 41, RS Jaganath Sinivas 44, Tanay Thyagarajan 7/63) & 20/1 in 5 overs.
Mangaldoi (2nd semifinal): Mizoram 144 & 153 in 38 overs (Agni Chopra 69, Akash Choudhary 5/33, Aryan Bora 4/49) vs Meghalaya 145 (Mohit Jangra 5/32, K.C. Cariappa 4/59) & 125/4 in 31 overs.

Juric strikes twice as NEUFC puts it across East Bengal

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GUWAHATI

In good touch: Juric was in the thick of the things for NorthEast United. PTI

Tomi Juric struck twice as NorthEast United registered a 3-2 win over East Bengal to move into the top-six of the Indian Super League (ISL) table here on Saturday.

Juric (fourth, 66th) and Nestor Albiach (15th) scored for the hosts, while Nandhakumar Sekar (53rd) and Felicio Brown Forbes (82nd) found the back of the net for East Bengal.

NEUFC seemed eager to stamp its authority early on. Spanish attacker Nestor Albiach was at the forefront of it, setting up the opening strike by Juric, before scoring the second 15 minutes into the match. In the fourth minute, Nestor squared up a delivery for Juric that the latter merely tapped in to open the scoring.

However, the second goal was even more impressive, with the Highlanders capitalising on the high line that the East Bengal defence had employed.

Juan Pedro Benali's side broke into a swift counter attack, with Redeem Tlang splitting open the visitors with a sharp assist that Nestor got to the end of and doubled the lead.

East Bengal was energised after the break and clawed back with a move similar to the one that had resulted in the strike by Nestor.

Cleiton Silva helped the team break through the NEUFC backline with a through ball for Nandhakumar in the 53rd minute.

In the 66th minute, Juric launched a powerful shot from the left edge of the box, which beat a fully stretched Prabsukhan Singh Gill.

Silva then dribbled actively inside the box before shooting with his left foot and Forbes headed in the rebound from close range in the 82nd, but it was not enough to secure the team a point.

The results: NEUFC 3 (Juric 4, 66, Albiach 15) bt East Bengal 2 (Nandhakumar 53, Forbes 82)

At Kolkata: Mohun Bagan 2 (Anirudh Thapa 12, Jason Cummings 45+2) bt Hyderabad FC 0.

BENGALURU ROUND UP

Ramkumar awarded wild card entry for Bengaluru Open

Ramkumar Ramanathan, India's second-highest-ranked player, has been granted a wild card entry into the singles main draw of the *DafaNews* Bengaluru Open.

Ramkumar, who led India in the recent Davis Cup clash against Pakistan, has reached the singles final on the ATP Challenger circuit seven times, winning his lone title in Manama, Bahrain, in November 2021.

Prajwal Dev-Siddhant Banthia and Manish Sureshkumar-Sai Karteek Reddy were awarded wild cards in the doubles main draw.

Frank Antony PS beats St. Joseph's to take the honours

Frank Antony PS defeated St. Joseph's Indian HS in the final to emerge as the BTR Shield under-14 Group I, Division II tournament champion here.

Dheeraj Kumar (47) top-scored for St. Joseph's but the effort went in vain.

The scores: (final):
St. Joseph's IHS 140/8 in 42 overs (Dheeraj Kumar 47) lost to Frank Anthony PS 141/9 in 40.1 overs (Manvesh Vasu 35).

On top: Frank Antony PS team emerged victorious in the BTR Shield under-14 Group I, Division II tournament. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Rudiger. REUTERS

Defender Rudiger set to miss two weeks

Agence France-Presse
MADRID

Real Madrid defender Antonio Rudiger is expected to miss two weeks as the club confirmed on Saturday he has a thigh injury.

With Eder Militao and David Alaba sidelined, and Nacho Fernandez also a doubt, Ancelotti is down to the bare bones at the back.

Germany international Rudiger sustained a knock against Getafe last week and although coach Carlo Ancelotti expected him to recover quickly he said he would not take risks.

Divine Prophecy wins Godolphin Barb Million

RACING

HYDERABAD: Trainer R.H. Sequeira's Divine Prophecy ridden by Hindu Singh won the Godolphin Barb Million, the feature event of Saturday's (Feb. 10) races. The winner is owned by Mr. C. Aryama Sundaram & M/s. Mukteshwar Racing LLP.

Jockey P. Sai Kumar rode three winners of the day.

1. BHUPALPALLY PLATE: WHITE PEARL (Nakhat Singh) 1, Oliver's Mount (Mukesh Kumar) 2, Rolls Royce (R.S. Jodha) 3 and Desert Hero (Kiran Naidu) 4. Not run: Star Of Night. Shd, 1-1/2 and 1-1/4. 1m 27. 45s. ₹101 (w), 22, 13 and 12 (p). SHP: 40, THP: 26, SHW: 30 and 23, FP: 696, Q: 225, Tanala: 1,017. Favourite: Jungle Girl.

Owner: M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

2. MEDCHAL PLATE: SILVER LINING (Afroz Khan) 1, Bold Beauty (N.B. Kuldeep) 2, D Battle (Kuldeep Singh (Jr) 3 and Flashing Memories (R.S. Jodha) 4. Head, 1-1/4 and Head. 1m 13. 84s. ₹65 (w), 20, 25 and 16 (p). SHP: 72, THP: 59, SHW: 23 and 115, FP: 697, Q: 530, Tanala: 2,913. Favourite: D Battle.

Owner & Trainer: L.D' Silva.

3. NARAYANPET PLATE (DIV. I): CLEFAIRY (P. Sai Kumar) 1, Juramento (Hindu Singh) 2, Garnet (Kuldeep Singh (Sr)) 3 and Angelita (Kuldeep Singh (Jr)) 4. Shd, 1-1/2 and 4-1/4. 1m 12. 57s. ₹53 (w), 20, 15 and 22 (p). SHP: 39, THP: 103, SHW: 50 and 37, FP: 261, Q: 89, Tanala: 748. Favourite: Juramento.

Owners: Mr. Mukund Kakani & Mr. S. Prasad Raju. Trainer: K.S.V. Prasad Raju.

4. MECHAL PLATE (DIV. I): MIRACLE MARY (Hindu Singh) 1, Golden Forza (A.A. Vikrant) 2, Deccan Daisy (P. Sai Kumar) 3 and Swiss Girl (Kuldeep Singh (Sr)) 4. 3/4, 2-1/2 and Neck. 1m 14. 05s. ₹19 (w), 11, 36 and 11 (p). SHP: 168, THP: 34, SHW: 20 and 143, FP: 440, Q: 361, Tanala: 1,420. Favourite: Miracle Mary.

Owner: Mr. C. Aryama Sundaram. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

5. BONZER CUP: CROWN WITNESS (P. Sai Kumar) 1, Sucker Punch (G. Naresh) 2, Alcahol Free (Surya Prakash) 3 and Sundance Kid (Abhay Singh) 4. 1, 1/2 and Neck. 1m 40. 38s. ₹28 (w), 10, 68 and 37 (p). SHP: 202, THP: 90, SHW: 20 and 237, FP: 1,082, Q: 508, Tanala: 13,323. Favourite: Caraxes.

Owners: Mr. Teja Gollapudi & Mr. S. Prasad Raju. Trainer: K.S.V. Prasad Raju.

6. GODOLPHIN BARB MILLION: DIVINE PROPHECY (Hindu Singh) 1, Duke Of Tuscany (C. Umesh) 2, Star Forever (P. Sai Kumar) 3 and Get Lucky (Nakhat Singh) 4. 1-1/2, 3-3/4 and Head. 1m 26. 22s. ₹33 (w), 11 and 14 (p). SHP: 22, THP: 38, SHW: 16 and 19, FP: 94, Q: 40, Tanala: 111. Favourite: Star Forever.

Owners: Mr. C. Aryama Sundaram & M/s. Mukteshwar Racing LLP. Trainer: R.H. Sequeira.

7. BRAVE HUNTER CUP: AUSTRALIA (P. Sai Kumar) 1, Reigning Beauty (Mukesh Kumar) 2, Wallop And Gallop (Kuldeep Singh (Jr)) 3 and Encore (Md. Ekram Alam) 4. 3/4, 2 and 2-1/4. 1m 25. 70s. ₹20 (w), 16, 14 and 29 (p). SHP: 38, THP: 96, SHW: 13 and 24, FP: 75, Q: 62, Tanala: 1,302. Favourite: Australia.

Owner: Mr. Teja Gollapudi. Trainer: Laxman Singh.

8. NARAYANPET PLATE (DIV. II) : D MINCHU (Kuldeep Singh (Sr)) 1, Midsummer Star (P. Sai Kumar) 2, Coming Home (C. Umesh) 3 and Malibu (Md. Ekram Alam) 4. 1-1/2, 3-1/4 and 1/2. 1m 11. 96s. ₹87 (w), 17, 10 and 29 (p). SHP: 33, THP: 59, SHW: 19 and 16, FP: 346, Q: 111, Tanala: 1,476. Favourite: Midsummer Star.

Owner: Mr. B.M. Dayananda. Trainer: G. Sandeep.

Jackpot: 70%: ₹12, 623 (22 tkts.), 30%: 374 (318 tkts.).

Mini Jackpot: (i) 4,021 (11 tkts.), (ii) 5,041 (9 tkts.).

Treble: (i) 3,402 (9 tkts.), (ii) 377 (65 tkts.), (iii) 965 (39 tkts.).

Siege Courageous clinches the Aga Aly Asker Sprinters' Trial Stakes

BENGALURU: Prasanna Kumar trained Siege Courageous (G. Vivek up) won the Aga Aly Asker Sprinters' Trial Stakes, the feature event of the races held here on Saturday (Feb. 10). The winner is owned by Mr. Dean Stephens & Mukteshwar Racing LLP.

THE RESULTS

1. BIDAR PLATE: AQUAMATIC (I. Chisty) 1, Stormy Ocean (G. Vivek) 2, Nikolina (S. John) 3 and Golden Time (P. Siddaraju) 4. 1-1/2, 1-1/4 and 7-1/2. 1m 50.83s. Rs. 20 (w), 14 and 14 (p), SHP: 24. THP: 23, FP: 28, Q: 21, Trinella: 82, Exacta: 111. Favourite: Aquamatic.

Owners: Mr. D. Shailesh Shivaswamy, Dr. Dayananda Pai P, Mr. Naveen Preben Gowda & Mr. Kaardam Patel. Trainer: Azhar Ali.

2. TOPMOST PLATE: REDEFINED (F. Norton) 1, Monterio (G. Vivek) 2, Pericles (Shreyas) 3 and Golden Light (I. Chisty) 4. 6, 1 and 4-1/4. 1m 24.38s. Rs. 44 (w), 18, 13 and 36 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 75, FP: 88, Q: 46, Trinella: 1,259, Exacta: 5,070. Favourite: Monterio.

Owners: Mr. Ashok Ranpise, Mr. S.R. Sanas, M/s. DT Racing & Breeding LLP & Mr. Balam Mohla. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.

3. WINSLOW STAKES (DIV. II): BORN DANCER (M. Naveen) 1, Mega Success (Jagadeesh) 2, Capri Girl (R. Pradeep) 3 and Princess Jasmine (G. Vivek) 4. 5-1/4, 1 and 1. 1m 13.52s. Rs. 26 (w), 15, 16 and 22 (p), SHP: 45, THP: 74, FP: 175, Q: 97, Trinella: 1,824, Exacta: 9,335. Favourite: Born Dancer.

Owner: Mr. S.T. Kalappa. Trainer: Warren Singh.

4. HAMPI PLATE: IRISH COFFEE (Darshan) 1, Pink Jasmine (Shreyas) 2, Stellantis (F. Norton) 3 and Douglas (I. Chisty) 4. 1-1/4, 2-1/4 and 2. 1m 24.50s. Rs. 51 (w), 13, 23 and 11 (p), SHP: 52, THP: 71, FP: 296, Q: 205, Trinella: 1,161, Exacta: 17,373. Favourite: Stellantis.

Owner: Dr. C.N. Devayya. Trainer: Pradeep Annaiah.

5. H.B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA MEMORIAL TROPHY: CZAR (I. Chisty) 1, Ricardo (Saddam H) 2, Marzgovel (F. Norton) 3 and Prophecy (L.A. Rozario) 4. 2-3/4, 3/4 and Nose. 1m 12.42s. Rs. 54 (w), 19, 34 and 15 (p), SHP: 111, THP: 42, FP: 1,151, Q: 557, Trinella: 5,465, Exacta: 17,960. Favourite: Pneuma.

Owners: M/s. Rapar Galloping Stars LLP rep. by Mr. Rajendran & M/s. Blazing Saddles(PF). Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

6. AGA ALY ASKER SPRINTERS' TRIAL STAKES: SIEGE COURAGEOUS (G. Vivek) 1, All Attractive (I. Chisty) 2, Isnt She Beautiful (F. Norton) 3 and Amreli (Srinath) 4. 2, 3 and 1-1/4. 1m 11.92s. Rs. 16 (w), 13 and 17 (p), SHP: 29, THP: 28, FP: 38, Q: 21, Trinella: 49, Exacta: 130. Favourite: Siege Courageous.

Owners: Mr. Dean Stephens & Mukteshwar Racing LLP. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.

7. BHADRA PLATE: REMONTOIR (P. Siddaraju) 1, War Trail (R. Pradeep) 2, Glow In The Dark (M. Naveen) 3 and Singhsaab (Inayat) 4. 1, Shd and 2-1/2. 1m 27.73s. Rs. 94 (w), 24, 13 and 12 (p), SHP: 34, THP: 34, FP: 318, Q: 108, Trinella: 741, Exacta: 2,414. Favourite: War Trail.

Owner and trainer: Mr. Imtiaz Khan.

8. WINSLOW STAKES (DIV. I): OXYTOCIN (R. Pradeep) 1, Chisox (P. Siddaraju) 2, Lady Godiva (Arvind K) 3 and Rightly Noble (Ram Nandan) 4. Not run: Golden Gallery and Sacred Creator. 6-1/2, 3-3/4 and 5-1/4. 1m 13.25s. Rs. 15 (w), 10, 13 and 13 (p), SHP: 23, THP: 35, FP: 24, Q: 21, Trinella: 93, Exacta: 141. Favourite: Oxytocin.

Owner: Mr. S.T. Kalappa. Trainer: Warren Singh.

Jackpot: Rs. 5,114 (42 tkts).

Runner-up: 1,261 (73 tkts).

Treble (i): 1,770 (four tkts); (ii): 128 (124 tkts).